

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:*

**Refrain:**

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*POSTLUDE “Postlude on La Morisque” (arr. Austin North)  
Rick Robertson, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

**TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Liturgist:** Bobby Goldston  
**Elders on Duty:** Wade Hall, Cynthia Tidwell

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Happy Birthday this week to:** (9/23) Katie Nations; (9/24) Suzi Goldston, Reese Moat; (9/25) Freda Warlick; (9/26) Matthew Callaway, Cynthia Tidwell

**A Congregational Meeting** will follow the worship service for the purpose of electing an at-large member to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee, which is responsible for nominating the slate of elders for the class of 2023. The committee is made up of: one at-large member (to be elected today); two outgoing Session members – Roxann Quintana & Jennifer Wood; PW Representative – Beth Darden; Men’s Group Representative – Gary Knox; and Youth Representative, Annie Pauley.

**The new PW Officers** being installed today are:

Gina Bradfield, Beth Darden, Elaine Partin, Roxann Quintana, Arrie Turner, Cindy Davidson, Peggy Darden and Donna Jones.

**The Session** will meet today at 12:15 in Darden Hall.

**LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROGRAM TEAM:**

Adrienne Hardie, Church Secretary  
Shelley Skinner, Financial Secretary  
Mike Pauley, Youth Director  
Marty Davis, Music Director  
Jo Loyd, Organist  
Rick Robertson, Pianist  
Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator  
Pam Darden, God’s Promised Land Coordinator  
Amy Crites, Children’s Choir Director  
Meagan Ferrell, Nursery Worker

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*If you are interested in church membership,  
or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation,  
please speak with one of our elders.*



# LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 2020

11:00 a.m. Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE “Blessed Assurance” (arr. Jennifer Eklund)  
Rick Robertson, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!**

Leader: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting.

**People: His faithfulness endures to all generations.**

\*HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.*

*Breath, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF PW OFFICERS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PERSONAL AND PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You call us to fullness of life, O Christ, and set before us the way of discipleship. But we acknowledge that we often drift away to other priorities, following our desires and succumbing to the attractions of a life lived free of your commandments. Forgive us, we pray, when we long for the easy path, for milder requirements and more palatable demands. Forgive our divided hearts, and anchor us firmly to your side in pursuit of your kingdom. Give us the clear vision and courage of heart that we need to intentionally fashion our lives based on your call to pick up our cross and follow. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Thou Art Worthy”

***Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,  
to receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.  
For thou hast created, hast all things created;  
thou hast created all things.  
And for thy pleasure they are created;  
thou art worthy O Lord.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3: 13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

THE SERMON

Dr, Harry Barrow

“A Voice From Heaven”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

***O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly  
paths of service free; Tell me Thy secret;  
help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.***

***Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.***

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION