

Ladies Trio

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Cole-Turner Witt's *Psalmody Sacra*, 1715

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* Hayes

You are invited to remain seated for the postlude or you may exit the pew when directed by the ushers.

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the marked basket nearest the exit you use. We look forward to seeing you again next week.

A special thank you to our ushers!

Pianist: Cindy Sutton

Trio: Beth Foley, Sue Jones, Susan Mabie

Further information on cover image:

Located at Carlisle Circus at western end of Craigavon Bridge,
Derry, Northern Ireland

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"Hands Across the Divide," François Boucher, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

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Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation

Order of Worship

16 August 2020

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, whose compassion embraces everyone, gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation that we may embody your merciful love and rejoice in your astounding grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *The Ash Grove* Traditional Welsh Air

*Call to Worship

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

**May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

Trio *Change My Heart, O God* Eddie Spinosa

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for

our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39

Prayer of Illumination

Lesson Genesis 50:15-21 & Matthew 18:21-35
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray

Baptism of Thomas Edward Deichmann

Son of Caroline & Tripp Deichmann
Grandson of Nancy & Pete Deichmann
Elder: Pete Deichmann

***Affirmation of Faith** The 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.