

October 16, 2022  
19th Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE** “Nocturne in F-sharp minor” Chopin

**WELCOME**

**MINUTE FOR DEACONS** Sandy Diehl

**OPENING SENTENCES** Ps. 118:1; 1 Thess. 1:2-3; Ps. 91:14-15

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**  
Give thanks to God for the faith we share;  
**be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.**  
Those who love the Lord, God will deliver;  
**when they call, God will answer them.**  
Let us worship God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

+**HYMN #62** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Isa. 43:2

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts  
we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults,  
confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Pet. 2:24

... you are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

**HYMN #622** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Debbie Shellenbarger

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** Ps. 24:1

**OFFERTORY** “Original Dances no. 5” Schubert

+**RESPONSE #809** OLD HUNDREDTH  
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God’s commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God’s condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Genesis 32:22-31

**PSALM** Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
**My help comes from the LORD,**  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**  
The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.  
**Behold, the keeper of Israel**  
**will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
**the sun will not strike you by day,**  
**nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.  
**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,**  
**from this time forth forevermore.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 18:1-8

**RESPONSE** Ps. 85:9  
Surely our salvation is at hand.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN #447** “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” LAFFERTY  
(sing twice)

**SERMON** “Sound Teaching” Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN #290** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” MORECAMBE

+**BLESSING** Rom. 15:13  
... by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

+**CHARGE** 2 Pet. 3:18  
... both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** “Träumerei” from “Kinderszenen” Schumann

**Join us for fellowship after worship.**  
You do not need to remain seated during the postlude.

**SERVING US TODAY**  
**Liturgist:** Bruce Archer  
**Greeters:** Brandon Leffew and Emelia Hammond  
**Sound:** Marty Subject  
**Livestream:** Tami Chapman  
**Security:** Tim Hammond  
**Today’s flowers** are given by  
Mary & Peter Robinson  
and Sally & Dave Trout  
in memory of  
Lovicia & R. C. Dart  
and Gertrude Dart Smith & Lawrence Smith

**CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE**

**#5. The Twelfth Apostle:**

Matthias, a disciple of Jesus from the very beginning, is chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot in the company of Twelve Apostles. (Acts 1:15-26)

**THE STUDY CATECHISM**

**Question 38. Why was the title “Christ,” which means “anointed one,” applied to Jesus?**

Jesus Christ was the definitive prophet, priest and king. All of the Lord’s anointed in Israel anticipated and led finally to him. In assuming these offices Jesus not only transformed them, but also realized the purpose of Israel’s election for the sake of the world.

**CREDITS**

**Prayers, Psalms, and Canticles:** *Book of Common Worship*, Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), © 2018 Westminster John Knox Press. Used with permission.

**Prayers of Intercession:** Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and Other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church*, according to the use of The Episcopal Church. The Church Hymnal Corporation, 1979. Used with permission.

**Other Scripture Readings:** New Revised Standard Version Bible—Updated Edition, copyright © 2021 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

**Affirmation of Faith:** From *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Part I: Book of Confessions*, published by the Office of the General Assembly, © 2016.

**Music:** “Nocturne in F-sharp minor.” By Frédéric Chopin. Public domain. “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise.” Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Tune: traditional Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts, 1839. Public domain. “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” Text: Joseph M. Scriven, c. 1855. Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1868. Public domain. “Original Dances no. 5.” By Franz Schubert. Public domain. “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.” Text: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken, 1709. Tune: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551, alt. Public domain. “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God.” Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. Karen Lafferty, 1972. Tune: Karen Lafferty, 1972. Copyright © 1972 Manaratha! Music. Used with permission, CCLI #2003932. “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart.” Text: George Croly, 1867. Tune: Frederick C. Arkinson, 1870. Public domain. “Träumerei” from “Kinderszenen.” By Robert Schumann. Public domain.

**Art:** *Jacob Wrestling with the Angel*. By Rembrandt, 1659. Source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rembrandt\\_-\\_Jacob\\_Wrestling\\_with\\_the\\_Angel\\_-\\_Google\\_Art\\_Project.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rembrandt_-_Jacob_Wrestling_with_the_Angel_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg). Public domain.

**Mason First Presbyterian Church**

131 E Maple St, Mason, MI 48854-1655  
(517) 676-9333  
info@masonpresbyterian.org  
www.masonpresbyterian.org  
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-11:30am

**MINISTERS**

All Members

**STAFF**

**Pastor:** Rev. Bill Pinches  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Charlie Herrick  
**Spiritual Growth Director:** Lori Filka  
**Office Manager:** Sheren Wright  
**Sanctuary Choir Director / Bell Choir Director:** Deb Melse  
**Choral Music Accompanist / Organist:** Feng Kang  
**Adult Spiritual Growth Coordinator:** Michelle Mackey  
**Child Care:** Aimee Cruickshank, Isaiah Hawkins, Hannah Koutz, Sam Pinches, Lucy Simons

**ELDERS**

**Class of 2022:** Jenny Bond, Ed Clarke, Debbie Shellenbarger, Gladys Welker.  
**Class of 2023:** Bruce Archer, Tim Hammond, Mary Ozee, Steve Sowles.  
**Class of 2024:** Jerry Ambrose, Lucinda Davenport, Loren Harkness, Tonya Seely.  
**Clerk:** Bruce Archer.

**DEACONS**

**Class of 2022:** Marge Clarke, Sandy Diehl, Linda Myall, Mari Nicol.  
**Class of 2023:** Lisa Castle, Jay Harkness, Vern Schrock, Steve VanDyke.  
**Class of 2024:** Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.  
**Moderators:** Sandy Diehl and Mari Nicol.

**DAILY PRAYER**

search for “Daily Prayer (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)” in your podcast app, or go to [www.buzzsprout.com/1466482](http://www.buzzsprout.com/1466482)

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

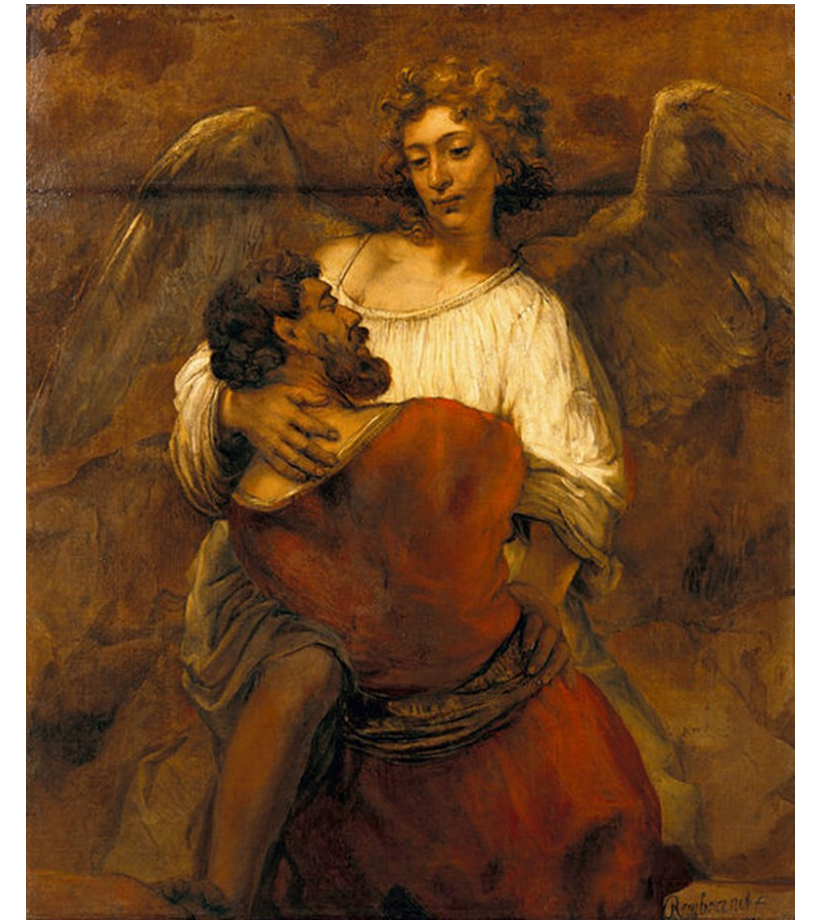
**Today** Adult Education: *Friend of Sinners* 11:30 am  
**Wednesday** Lunch Packing for Advent House 10:30 am  
Prayer Fellowship 12:00 pm  
Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth) 3:15 pm  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm  
NO Wednesday Night Dinner this week  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm  
**Thursday** Rummage Sale 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
Session 7:00 pm  
**Friday** Rummage Sale 9:00 am—12:00 pm  
Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath  
**Saturday** Give a Kid a Coat drive

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Sam VanDyke Oct. 17  
Tim Caswell Oct. 22

**Mason  
First Presbyterian Church**

**October 16, 2022  
19th Sunday after Pentecost**



*Jacob Wrestling with the Angel*  
by Rembrandt, 1659

*The fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)*