

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PLEASE STAND WHEN YOU SEE RED STAR

***PRELUDE**

STATEMENT OF FOCUS Rev. Reginald Ragland

Discipleship involves sacrifice as well as obedience. One without the other is never complete. Sacrifice without obedience is an empty gesture, however costly. Obedience without sacrifice is to behave in such a way the personal comfort is not disturbed. Jesus was obedient even unto death on the cross, so that those who believe in him might receive the gift of eternal life.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

PASTOR: Before the Lord no creature is hidden, the one to whom we must render an account.

PEOPLE: **Since, then, we have a great high priest, let us hold fast to our confession.**

PASTOR: For we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

PEOPLE: **Let us approach the throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in every time of need.**

PASTOR: Let us worship God!

***HYMN:** "Blessed Assurance" Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION:..... Elder Doris Lewis

Eternal God, you have been our resting place through the ages. Generations come and pass away, but you abide forever. We praise you for your presence among us. You bring us comfort amid our trials, clarity where confusion persists, peace in the midst of conflict, and hope of eternal life. Hear us now as we pay you our tribute, in glad adoration that you are God of our lives.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elder Doris Lewis

God who creates us, Christ who redeems us, Spirit who renews us, hear our confession. We hide from you when we should heed you; your voice we neglect. Disobedience hinders our being more faithful. We claim that others mislead us when we stray from your will, but it is our doing. Have mercy upon us and grant us forgiveness, so that we may rest in your peace.

Please let us observe a moment of personal silence and repentance Elder Doris Lewis

Offering Tally For 10/3/2021

Attendance: 51

Amount From Last Sunday Offering

\$4,083.65

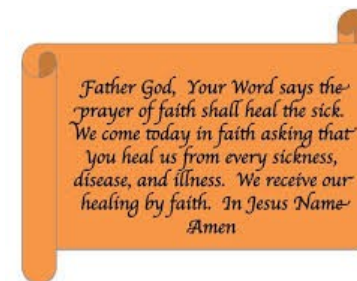


The Prayer Line is actively functioning; requests for special prayers should be directed to:

Deacon Darla Vickers at (480) 343-3574. If no answer, please leave a message or send a text.

Recent Prayer Request: Barbara Trejo, Sister in law to Donna Hilliker, who recently lost both of her parents to COVID-19.

Ongoing Prayer Needs: Mary Reese, Jada Humdy, Hazel Williams, Joni McCray, Patricia Hillman, Savannah Lamar



Father God, Your Word says the prayer of faith shall heal the sick. We come today in faith asking that you heal us from every sickness, disease, and illness. We receive our healing by faith. In Jesus Name- Amen



NOTES:



Website

For your convenience you can give your tithes, offerings, pledges and donations online www.southminpc.org or call the church office (602) 276-2582.



Online Giving

Internet Login & Passwords

Wifi Name: Sanctuary 2.4g

Password: 02871868

Wifi Name: Sanctuary 5g

Password: 02871868

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Rev. Reginald Ragland

Scripture reminds us that “in the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears... and was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him” (Heb. 5:7-9). In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* **THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE** Congregation

* **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** Rev. Reginald Ragland

PASSING THE PEACE:

PASTOR: The peace of Christ be with you.

RESPONSE: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING Elder Doris Lewis

Old Testament Reading– Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (NRSV)

Psalms 22:1-15 (NRSV)

Epistle Reading– Hebrews 4:12-16 (NRSV)

Gospel Reading– Mark 10:17-31 (NRSV)

LITURGIST: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

TESTIMONY IN SONG Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER:

..... Rev. Reginald Ragland / Congregation

MESSAGE: "Who Can Be Saved" Rev. Reginald Ragland

* **SONG OF INVITATION** "Pass Me Not" Congregation

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed) Elder Doris Lewis/ Congregation

TITHES AND OFFERINGS MESSAGE Dr. George Brooks, Jr

Even in the midst of our darkest days and deepest longings, we are assured of the presence of God. In gratitude for our God who is big enough to hold our loving praise and our cries of woe, let us offer signs of our thanks with the gifts of our time, talent and treasure.

OFFERTORY SELECTION Chancel Choir

* **DOXOLOGY** Congregation

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Reginald Ragland

God of grace and mercy, we sing you our praises, we recite our confessions, and we offer our commitment in response to your love. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him us so that we may be saved. We pledge our trust in Christ to deliver us worthy of your call to discipleship. Accept what we give you as signs of obedience, and bless our efforts as we seek to be faithful.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED / ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Doris Lewis

* **CLOSING HYM** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Congregation

* **BENEDICTION** Rev. Reginald Ragland

As you go forward from this place, God goes with you, before you, beside you, and surrounding you. You may entrust the shiniest parts of yourselves to our faithful God. And you may entrust the shadows too. For the same God our ancestors trusted with their cries, hears our cries as well. And their witness assures us that there is no shame in the cry– that our with-us-God will not let us down. And as you go, may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit go with you all– this day and every day.

* **THREE FOLD AMEN**– Amen, Amen, Amen.

Announcements: Please send any announcements the Monday prior to Sunday's worship service to be included in the bulletin, thank you.

Prayer Requests: Please, Contact Rev. Reginald Ragland or Deacon Darla Vickers about prayer requests.

- Welcome back to Worship service.
- Rev. Ragland will host a survey class every Wednesday at Noon, on the OT and NT of the Bible. The class will last for 1 hour and will be virtual only. A Zoom link will be sent out each week, if you would like to participate.
- Online giving is available by clicking on the DONATE link on the website, or scanning the QR code in the back of the bulletin. Offerings may also be mailed to PO Box 8764, Phoenix, AZ 85066, or brought to the office Tuesday-Thursday between the hours of 9AM-2PM. You may also contact the church office Tues-Thurs between the hours of 9AM-2 PM and request that your offerings be picked up from your home.
- We are still accepting donations for our Midnight Run in November. There is a box in the Narthex for collection, with a list of items needed. Please see the flyer insert for the (updated) Date of November 6, 2021.
- The Music and Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who brought a delicious dish, and all who participated in the World Communion Sunday potluck. It was a success!
- Southminster Presbyterian Church would also like to thank our guests from Gila Crossing Presbyterian Church and Guadalupe Presbyterian Church for joining us on World Communion Sunday.
- Thank you Elder Reginald Vickers, Deacon Darla Vickers, Elder Pat Hillman and Elder Henry Jones for organizing our Potluck!
- Our Admin Assistant, Donna Hilliker will be out of the office 10/12/2021-10/14/2021. Office Coverage will be provided by Melissa Acedo.

• October –PCUSA Special Emphasis Activities

- Mental Illness Awareness Week (began Oct. 1, 2021)
- _World Communion; Peace and Global Witness Offering (Oct. 3, 2021)
- Domestic Violence Awareness (Oct. 10, 2021)
- Columbus Day Observed (Oct 11, 2021)
- _World Food Day (Oct. 16, 2021)
- Children's Sabbath; Educate a Child, Transform the World (Oct. 17, 2021)
- Young Adult Volunteer Program (Oct. 23, 2021)
- United Nations Day (Oct. 24, 2021)
- Reformation Sunday (Oct. 31, 2021)

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Scheduled Meetings for October

- Every Wednesday– Budget and Finance Committee Mtg.
- 10/3 Property Committee Mtg.
- 10/10- Deacon's Mtg.
- 10/10 - Session Mtg
- 10/17 Men's Club Mtg.
- 10/24 Worship Committee Mtg.