



Presbyterian Church

of

Seffner

Little Church, Big Heart!

WELCOME

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

Session Members

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration	Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship
Carol Shick - '22 - Worship	Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission
Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session	

Our Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for people to
discover God's love,
seek God's purpose,
and do God's will.

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts
of him who called you out of darkness into
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

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**24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Liturgy of Word and Sacrament
September 13, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Soul of My Savior” - Traditional Communion Hymn

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103:15-18)

The days of a human life are like grass:
they bloom like a wildflower;
but when the wind blows through it, it's gone;
even the ground where it stood doesn't remember it.
But the Lord's faithful love is
from forever ago to forever from now
for those who honor him.
And God's righteousness reaches to the grandchildren
of those who keep his covenant
and remember to keep his commands.
Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN # 461 “God is Here!”

**God is here! As we Your people Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find fuller measure What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit Into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of Our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, Here in silence, as in speech,
Here in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome In the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, Help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without You, We adore You! We believe!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, you created us to love you and to love one another, but there are

all sorts of exceptions we like to come up with. How can I love him knowing what he believes? How can I love her knowing what she posts on Facebook? How can I love him knowing who he is voting for? How can I love her after what she did? Forgive us, Lord, and help us forgive others. Help us to seek to understand others. Help us not to judge others. Help us to love others so we can truly love You. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 14:1-13

SERMON *"judge on one shoulder...jury on the other"*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering - "Thanking God"

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PREPARING FOR COMMUNION

"WELCOME TABLE"

INVITATION AND SETTING THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and monarchs rise and fall, but your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

People: In love you made us to know and serve you. When we turned from you and bent our knees to gods of our making, you spoke through prophets to bring us back to your ways.

Leader: You gave us a vision of your holy kingdom that we might hunger after righteousness and thirst for justice, and long for the day when peace will triumph over the pride and greed of nations. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the servants around heaven's throne and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In his life and ministry, your Spirit led him to serve the poor, proclaim freedom from sin's bondage, open eyes with faith's sight, and befriend the friendless and the outcast. In all he did and said, he announced the coming of your saving might. By his death on the cross and rising from the tomb, he broke the power of death, and led the way to eternal life. Ascended to rule from on high, Christ prays for us and promises the coming of peace and power.

People: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Leader: By the fire of your Spirit, O God, forge us into one church, many and different people, together in Christ's embrace. Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth and the desire to do your will, that our witness to Christ may burn brightly in lives of joyful discipleship. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord,
have mercy on me.
Partake of Bread

SHARING THE CUP

**Let us drink wine together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord,
have mercy on me.**

Partake of Cup

**Let us praise God together on our knees (2x)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord,
have mercy on me.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Nourished at this table, O God,
may we know Christ's redemptive love
and live a new life in him.**

**Give us who are fed at his table,
Grace to share our bread with the hungry
and the hungry of heart.**

**Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints.**

**We pray in the name of the risen Lord,
Jesus who taught us how to pray saying...**

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAISE SONG "Trading My Sorrows"

**I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord**

**Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen**

**I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure**

**That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, be with you all.
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen.**

POSTLUDE "All Is Well" - 19th Century American Hymn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK

Temple Keeper: Jim High (on or before 9/19)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES The office is PHYSICALLY closed as we continue to be a part of the effort of keeping our congregation and community safe. Kara will continue to be available by telephone and email during regular church hours (Mon.- Thurs., 9:00am to 2:00pm), and the mail will continue to be picked up regularly. If there is a need, don't hesitate to contact us. Meals on Wheels will continue to prepare food on Wednesdays, but we encourage all other groups to refrain from gathering until further notice. Please continue to pray and know you are being prayed for. God bless!

CELEBRATE COMMUNION - Sunday, September 13. Please have bread or crackers and juice ready for Communion today.

ALL COMMITTEES PLEASE MEET BY September 14th - Committees should plan to have your meetings, via Zoom, email, phone, etc., by Monday, September 14th. All **Committee reports are due** by the morning of **Tuesday, September 15th**, to prepare the packets for **Session, who will meet on Tuesday, September 15th at 7pm** via Zoom.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE DUE - You may submit your newsletter items to the church by email to kara@seffnerpres.org by **Tuesday, September 15th**.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUE - Join us for Children's Zoom Sunday school - say "Hi!" To your friends, have fun with games, and learn more about being a child of God!

FIRST ZOOM AND FELLOWSHIP TIME - Please join our first virtual fellowship and lemonade time **today at 12:30 pm**. If you can join us, it will be a time to visit with others, everyone's smile and catch up. Have your lemonade and cookies ready! A link for the invitation will be sent out to you, so look for it by email.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOU! This great ministry is in need of a driver for

Wednesdays. If you are able and want more information, please contact Janet Holzman at 813-352-6443. Are you able to bake? How about making some delicious desserts for the people who receive meals on wheels? Please contact Janet Holzman for more details and to schedule you into the calendar.

ZOOM INTO STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY! - Wednesdays, through October 21st, we delve into the Bible study, **EPIC: Around-the-World Journey thru Christian History**, at 6:15 pm. Please contact the church by emailing to kara@seffnerpres.org to sign-up and reserve a book.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH! We are so grateful for your faithful giving! You can continue to give through the mail; by setting up "Bill Pay" with your bank; and now you can make a secure gift on our website. May God continue to bless you, as you continue to be a blessing to others!

EGG CARTON COLLECTION is an ongoing ministry. The cartons are taken to E.C.H.O. to be used for distribution of eggs to families when picking up food. Currently the cartons may be left on any of the benches around the court yard at the church. Upon returning to the church, a plastic silver container is available for collection, inside the front entry to the fellowship hall.

BLESSING BAGS - We continue to help homeless people, in need of basic essentials in our community, by providing blessing bags. If you would like to pick up a blessing bag to have when out in your daily travels, there are some available on the benches around the court yard.

SEPTEMBER OFFERING IS BIKES FOR JESUS, and if you have tried to buy a bike you know there are none on the market unless you are willing to pay over \$300 for a bike. We found a few bikes and ordered them. But we are looking into other ways to give Foster Children and Beth El children a special gift at Christmas. So please continue to give generously and we will continue to look for bikes and other items.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 13, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live with Communion
12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School
12:30 pm Virtual Lemonade Time

Monday, September 14, 2020

7:00 pm Committees Meet

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Newsletter Items Are Due for October Newsletter

7:00 pm Zoom Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

8:30 am Meals on Wheels
4:30 pm Zoom Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Zoom Youth Meeting
6:00 pm Zoom Stewardship Bible Study Begins

Sunday, September 20, 2020

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live
12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

- Sept.** 13- Sunday Worship Online Live with Communion, Virtual Lemonade Time, Zoom Sunday School
14- Committee Reports Due
15- Zoom Session Meeting, Newsletter Items Due
16- Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting, Zoom Stewardship Bible Study
20- Gospel Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Sunday School
23- Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting, Zoom Stewardship Bible Study
27- Youth Sunday Worship Online Live, Zoom Sunday School
30- Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting, Zoom Stewardship Bible Study

PRAISES and CONCERNS

Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Greg Uebel	Robert Lavazza	Bill Worth	George Kosan
Susan Kriska	Tammy Wooster	Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler
Jim Barfield	Bonnie & John Taylor	Rob Bargo	Joy Lavazza
Beverley Field	Anne Wheeler	Charles Brandt	

Healthcare Workers: Mazen Al-Alawi, Waleska Alvarado, Jenny Carswell, Lexi Crawford, Allie Abrams Downey, Maggie Hehn, Patricia Hudson, Kristen Rincon, Cheryl High Sawyer, Joelle Vlahakis

College: Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Elias Mayfield, Alex Messina, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

Military: Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson