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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“The friendly church with a place for you”

505 S. Tyndall Parkway
Panama City, Florida 32404

Mission Statement

We are a nurturing church family, believing and witnessing to the Gospel of God’s love by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ and ministering to the needs of the community and world.

September 10, 2017 – Ordinary Time - Proper 18

Ordinary Time

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OUR DAY OF WORSHIP

The Theme For The Day: Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

WE WELCOME ALL in worship this morning. We especially welcome those who are our guests today and hope that you will feel God's Spirit of grace and love among us here at Parkway. If you are looking for a Church Home, we invite you to consider our congregation.

Please silence cell phones (+) Denotes to please stand, if you are able

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

L / Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

C / Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

L / Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

C / Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+HYMN

“ He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

He’s got the whole world in his hands.
He’s got you and me brother, in his hands.
He’s got you and me brother, in his hands.
He’s got you and me brother, in his hands.
He’s got you and me brother, in his hands.
He’s got you and me sister, in his hands.
He’s got you and me sister, in his hands.
He’s got you and me sister, in his hands.
He’s got you and me sister, in his hands.
He’s got everybody here, in his hands.

AS WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR THE PARDON

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

L / Our sins weigh us down, and we struggle to live in freedom and joy. When we turn and return to the God who loves us, God finds pleasure. We turn now, confessing our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L / From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

C / Merciful God, deliver us.

L / From selfishness and vain desires,

C / Merciful God, deliver us.

L / From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

C / Merciful God, deliver us.

L / From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

C / Merciful God, deliver us.

C / Turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENES

P/ Almighty God, In His Mercy.....

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah”

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
(sing twice)

SHARING THE PEACE

L/ The peace of the Lord be with you.

People / And also with you.

(Share the peace with those around you)

CHILDREN’S SERMON & CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Awaken our hearts and minds to your Word, O God. Give us understanding so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we are able to do all that you command for love’s sake. Gathered in Christ’s name, gathered around the Word, we pray. **Amen.**

READING

Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God. *Here ends our reading*

ANTHEM

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

+ HYMN:

“ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee ”

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

SERMON

PERPETUAL MERCY

PASTOR RIC

+ CREED

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

AS WE RESPOND TO GOD

(The congregation may be seated)

(Please complete Prayer Cards and hand to an usher)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L / Paul's counsel to the church in Rome was this: "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." So come, let us love one another and all in God's world by sharing what we have been given so that needs are met and the gospel is proclaimed.

C / Blessed be God forever.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L / God of our salvation, we know what time it is—time to wake from sleep and to turn from selfishness. We offer now our time, our talents, and our resources to be used for your good purposes and all for love's sake. Through Jesus the Christ we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

CURRENT: Carol Forehand, Helen Lawson, Jackie Hogan, Jean Olson, Faye Jackson, Barb Davis, Rhema Drayton, Margo Adams, Storm Victims, CP Paul Luthman, Dawn Lacey

CONTINUING: Tony Abbott, Margo Adams, Ed Brown, Pastor Reid, Nick Cosford, Doris Dixon, Ida Mae Fleming, Anne Freeland, Mary Gordon, Anna Jones, Lee Masters, Chris Meek, Marty Reed, Joan Scherer, Marilyn Schubert, Myrt Shoemaker, Marge Smith.

HOMEBOUND: Darol Keefer, Georgie Krobetzky, Gordon Merkel, Julie Reith, Model Richardson, Bertie Shuster, Alan Stone, Barbara VonNyvenheim, Millie Miller, Helen Gustafson

WE PREPARE AND SHARE THE MEAL

P/ The Lord be with you. **C/ And also with you.**

P/ Lift up your hearts. **C/ We lift them up to the Lord.**

P/ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C/ It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P/ Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Choir and People Sing:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

P/In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **C/ Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P/ As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Refrain
 you break the chains of hatred and fear: Refrain
 you are the way of justice and peace: Refrain
 you are the way of mercy and love: Refrain

Refrain: Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace

BLESSING

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

+HYMN

“ Go, My Children, With My Blessing ”



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love’s bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Thoughts

As we all are well aware, in the lives of the men, women, and children in our pews, there is much brokenness. The good news for today is the simplest and most profound message: despite the importance of accountability, we must remember that above all our God is a God of perpetual mercy. Our God is not a God of one-time mercy, nor five times of mercy, nor even five hundred times more mercy than justice, but perpetual mercy.

ANGELS ARE CALLING! The display for this year's Storytelling Event will be made up of angels. We are requesting and inviting you to share your angels with us for the day. You may bring them ahead of time and let someone else put them on the display or you may bring them on Friday, September 29th during the day and place them yourself. Please identify your angels in some way so that they are not confused with someone else's angels.

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, God. Thank you for the invitation to live faithfully today, walking in your paths, loving my neighbor. The day is new, unmarred by missteps or words misspoken, so I pause in this newness to remember your commandments and to delight in them. Help me to follow you all through this day. Keep my feet from stumbling or wandering down other trails so that I honor you and others in word and deed. In Christ I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, as I have put on Christ in my words and deeds today, now let me rest in Christ's light and presence as the evening comes. Awake or asleep, you watch over me, and I am grateful you love me so. I turn my whole heart to you in love, and my heart is full of love and care for my family and friends and for all those whom you have made my neighbor. In the quiet hours of sleep, mend in me whatever is unresolved from the day now past, and wake me with the morning light, and with your grace yet again. Amen.

THE STORYTELLING EVENT will be on Saturday, September 30th here at Parkway. We have an excellent and well known speaker who is sure to entertain and motivate us. Then we will have the hugely popular band, Undivided, providing the very moving and exciting music. About noon we will enter the Fellowship Hall for a catered lunch of pork loin with a special gravy, tri-colored carrots, roasted red potatoes, tossed salad and dessert. The tables will be decorated with our members' china, flatware and goblets. What a great annual event this has become at Parkway presented by our Presbyterian Women. **Registration Forms** are located on the Welcome Table in the narthex (lobby).

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will have a Salad Supper tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We ask, if possible, to bring a salad to share. You do not have to attend our circle to come to the Salad Supper – all women are invited to attend this event. This is a night of fun and fellowship with other women. There will be an overview of the next Bible Study given by Mary Lou Edwards. We hope to see you tomorrow evening – Wanda Segers, Moderator of Presbyterian Women at Parkway.

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SCRIPTURES TO CONTEMPLATE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Genesis 50:15-21](#) - *Joseph reconciles with his brothers*

[Psalm 103:\[1-7\] 8-13](#) - *LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)*

[Romans 14:1-12](#) - *Accepting diversity in the community of faith*

[Matthew 18:21-35](#) - *A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith*

WE ARE TAKING A SPECIAL OFFERING today for Hurricane Victims. This offering will be sent to our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. Remember, 99 cents of your donation goes to the disasters and only 1 cent is used in administrative costs.

OUR DAILY BREAD devotional books for the Fall Season are now available for use. They are located on the Welcome Table.

OUR FOOD PANTRY will be collecting cans or boxes of **SOUP** throughout September. Please bring your cans or boxes of soup and place them at the wooden cross in the narthex.

OUR WORSHIP TEAM will meet for an organizing meeting this Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00 PM in the Pastor's office. If this is not a good date, please call Pastor Ric or Email him. We will be organizing for what a Worship Team might do to help plan the worship services.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, our "Shoebox Ministry" has started. Shoeboxes and the supply list are located on the table in the narthex (lobby). Please take one or more shoeboxes to fill and bring them back to the table when finished. For more information, please speak with Lisa Davis, our Coordinator for the project! We will also be having special Sundays in September and October so that you may bring in some of the supplies needed to fill the shoeboxes.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, September 17th following worship for the purpose of electing the Nomination Team. Mitch Connor and Angie Worcester are representatives from the Session and we need to elect three from the congregation.

A RECEPTION IN HONOR Mitch's and Shannon's wedding will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the Manse – 1420 Parkway Drive on Donaldson Point in Parker! Mitch and Shannon are having a very small wedding on October 7th at Tyndall Air Force Base with only family members and their closest friends. This reception is being hosted by Pastor Ric and Cathy. All are invited!

YOU MAY ALSO DONATE through the special kits included in the bulletin today.

OUR YOUTH HAVE BEGUN to meet on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Join Mrs. Angie and Mr. Stu for a great time of sharing and learning and having fun. A meal is provided before we begin our activities!

This Week's Ministry Calendar at Parkway

*T*oday— September 10, 2017 – Ordinary Time -Proper 18

9:00 AM	Sunday School For All Ages
10:00 AM	Worship Service
11:15 AM	Fellowship

Monday:

6:00 PM	PW Salad Supper
7:00 PM	AA in Skipper's Nest

Wednesday:

11:30 AM	Wednesday Workers
5:30 PM	Youth
5:30 PM	Bells
6:30 PM	Choir
7:00 PM	AA in Skipper's Nest

Thursday:

9:30 AM	Food Pantry
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Saturday:

7:00 PM	AA in Skipper's Nest
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*N*ext Sunday

9:00 AM	Sunday School For All Ages
10:00 AM	Worship Service
11:00 AM	Congregation Meeting
11:15 AM	Fellowship

Daily Devotionals are available on the Welcome Table.

Our Saints Serving This Sunday

Elder of the Day: Angie Worcester
 Lay Assistant: Kathy Riley
 Children's Church Teachers:
 Stuart Guilford

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary please call the office @ (850) 785-7081, so KC can update correct information.

HEARING DEVICES are available for those who need hearing assistance in our worship service. Please see Jean at the control desk in the back of the sanctuary to procure one for use during the worship service.



Fellowship Time is important to the life of the congregation. We always want to provide wonderful treats during this time. If your last name begins with **A-D** would you please bring goodies for next Sunday's fellowship.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

9/12—Druanne Martin
 9/13—Doris Chancellor
 9/14—Christopher Johnson
 9/15—Donn Beidelman
 9/15—Darlene Brannon
 9/16—Gary Certalich
 9/14 - Don & Linda Templin

Attendance last Week:

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Office Hours:

Monday: 7:30-3:30
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