



PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 17, 2017 – Ordinary Time - Proper 19

Ordinary Time

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OUR DAY OF WORSHIP

The Theme For The Day: In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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 / People of God, bless the Lord, bless God's holy name. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love for us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+HYMN

“ Bigger Than Big ”

God, You made our big blue sky.
You made the oceans deep and wide.
God, You made the trees so tall,
And Your love is bigger than it all.

God, You're bigger than big,
Stronger than strong,
You're mightier than mighty,
Louder than this song!
Your love for me stretches farther than far.
I can't imagine just how big you are,
Just how big you are.

AS WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR THE PARDON

(Please remain standing for the confession)

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

L / As loving parents have compassion for their children, God has compassion for us. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L / Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all. 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

Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our understanding that we may receive the Word of life. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.
Here ends our reading

PSALM

Psalms 103:8-13

L / Let us begin together:

All: LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy.

L / ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C / ⁹**He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

L / ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C / ¹¹**For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

L / ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

C / ¹³**As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

All: LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy.

SECOND 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."

This is the Word of the Lord! C / Thanks be to God!

+ HYMN:

“ Crown Him With Many Crowns ”

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

SERMON

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/ Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us.

C / Blessed be God forever.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L / Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name 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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

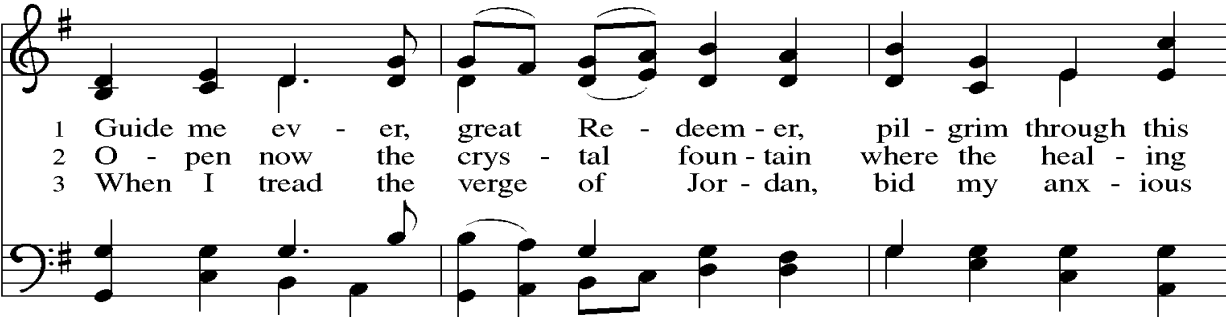
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

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

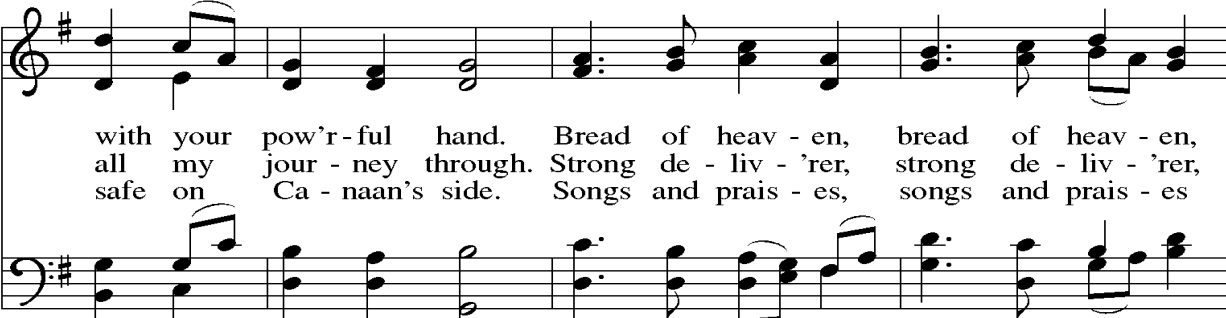
“ Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ”



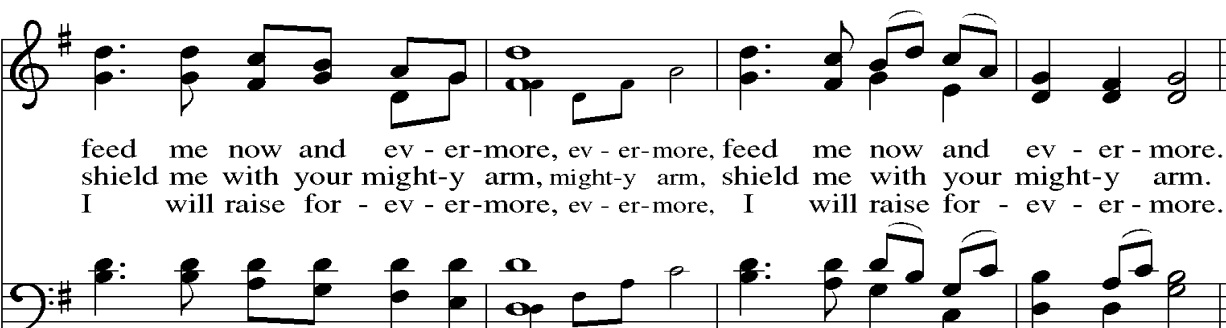
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now tread the crys - tal of foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Thoughts

On this Sunday we are called to imitate Christ. The historic tradition of *imitatio Christi* calls those who encounter the word to find their lives embedded in and proceeding from Christ's life. This happens when people live in ways that reflect Christ's actions in the world. Thomas à Kempis wrote an influential book on this topic; however, he promoted *imitatio Christi* as an interior spiritual practice of *withdrawal*. The texts today urge us toward the even more ancient spiritual practice of *involvement* in the world in ways that resonate with Christ's actions in the world.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, like the sun that fills the morning sky, you are the light that banishes the darkness of the world. Sun of Righteousness, arise in my heart, fill me with the radiance of your love, and display the light of your saving grace until I shine with the joy of life everlasting. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, forgive the sins I have this day committed and banish from my heart any self-righteousness that would withhold forgiveness of others. For you alone are the judge of human hearts, and your mercy is boundless. 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.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will have a Salad Supper on this Tuesday 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURES TO CONTEMPLATE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Jonah 3:10--4:11](#) - *God's concern for the city of Nineveh*

[Psalm 145:1-8](#) - *The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)*

[Philippians 1:21-30](#) - *Standing firm in the gospel*

[Matthew 20:1-16](#) - *The parable of the vineyard workers*

ON NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, we will be collecting items for the **shoebox ministry**. On the 24th, we will be collecting toys that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump robes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc. Please do not include used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out of date candy, liquids or lotions; medications or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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.

OUR OLD HYMNALS have been removed from the pews since we no longer use hymnals in our worship. If you would like to have a few, please take them. If you or a loved one gave one of these hymnals, you may sort through them to find that special hymnal.

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.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held following worship this morning 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 **this 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!

THE REV. DR. DAVID JEREMIAH, a world-renown speaker, is bringing *A Life Beyond Amazing*, his new tour, to Tallahassee this fall. Join us at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center on October 5, 2017 where Dr. Jeremiah will teach on the abundant and amazing life God has

This Week's Ministry Calendar at Parkway

Today— September 17, 2017 – Ordinary Time -Proper 18

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

Monday:

7:00 PM	AA in Skipper's Nest
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Tuesday:

6:00 PM	PW Salad Supper
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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:

6:00 AM	Hooks and Needles
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Saturday:

7:00 PM	AA in Skipper's Nest
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Next Sunday

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

Daily Devotionals are available on the Welcome Table.

Our Saints Serving This Sunday

Elder of the Day: Mitch Connor
Lay Assistant: Kathy Riley
Children's Church Teachers:
Bob and Mandy Kuchta

*If you don't see
your birthday or
anniversary
please call the
office @ (850)
785-7081, so KC
can update cor-
rect 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 **E-I** would you please bring goodies for next Sunday's fellowship.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

9-21 Becky Brown

9-22 Eric Burgess

Attendance last Week:

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