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BULLETIN
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WELCOMING OF VISITORS AND LIGHTING CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

Lily of the Valley, Bright Morning Star

arr. Hayes
Susan Martinez

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 146)

Liturgist –Frank Walmsley

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

All: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob.

All: Whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: The Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord will reign forever, for all generations.

All: Praise the Lord!

***THE MORNING PRAYER**

Liturgist-Frank Walmsley

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN**

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hymn 299

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry. Too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Leader: Now in silence, let us continue our confession (Time of silent prayer) **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

GOD'S WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor George

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are Convinced

by Hayes
Chancel Choir

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

Dennis Wilkie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE

Liturgist – Frank Walmsley

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Second Scripture Reading

Pastor George Prohaska

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵ But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷ He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹ Abraham replied,

“They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ³⁰ He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ³¹ He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

SERMON

Dives and Lazarus

Pastor George Prohaska

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** [from *A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)*]

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness to all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for Go’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus.” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERTORY

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

arr. Hayes
Susan Martinez

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Gracious God...we pray together the prayer Jesus taught 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*

*HYMN

God Be With Your Till We Meet Again

Hymn 542

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and give you peace.

*SENDING

Liturgist-Frank Walmsley

Liturgist: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Response: Let our service begin.

POSTLUDE

Great Is the Lord

arr. Larson
Susan Martinez



***If you are able, please stand**

Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams, Susan Martinez, Matt Pitts, Gail Blackburn, David & Jennie Burel, Roy Martin and Ryan Stover.

Thank you to those Serving today:

Liturgist: Frank Walmsley

Pianist/Organist: Susan Martinez

Hymn Leader: Matt Pitts

Ushers: Lyn & Ginny Goodbar, Mary Ann Wilkie

Announcements

EAST VALLEY MEN'S LUNCH PREP TODAY

Come and help us prepare lunches for the East Valley Men's Center **this afternoon at 1:00pm.**

FUNDS & FOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 2

We will be collecting food for United Food Bank on Sunday, October 2. Items we will be collecting are; canned: meats, fish, vegetables, fruits, soup, chili; peanut butter, (plastic container) whole grain cereal (low sugar), dry beans, (any type) enriched rice or pasta, powdered or canned milk, or if you prefer cash donations are gladly accepted. We will have containers to place your donations in on Sunday, October 2. Thank you.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2

Next Sunday October 2, our Worship Service will be held at 11:00 am. We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday with a combined worship service with Revival Presbyterian Church, (the Kenyan Church who worships at GPC on Sunday afternoons). Coffee time will be **BEFORE** our service at 10:00am. Please plan to join us for this special service.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Join our new Book Discussion Group on the fourth Tuesday of every month! We will begin this **Tuesday, September 27** at 7:00 pm via our GPC Zoom link. The book we will be discussing is ***“The Future of Faith”*** by Harvey Cox. You may purchase this book at Amazon or Barnes and Noble. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor George.

GPC General Information

FIRST TIME GUESTS

Welcome to our first-time visitors. A packet of information about our church is available in the entryway or from an usher. We're glad you're here!

OFFERINGS/DONATIONS

You may place your offering/donation in the Offering/Donations slot in the Sanitization Stations located at each entrance. You may also go to the church's website:

<https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html> for giving options. We encourage you to continue supporting GPC's ministry if you are able and thank you for giving what you can.

REMINDER – Please silence all phones/electronic devices. Thank you.

MIDWEEK BIBLE

Our midweek Bible Study has begun. We meet every **Thursday, at 4PM** in Room 7 of the Palmer center with Pastor George. We are studying the Second Corinthians using the study guide by William M. Ramsay from the Interpretation Bible Studies series, available from Amazon and other book sellers. Please speak with Pastor George for more information. All are welcome!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Adult Sunday School Bible Study Class meets **in person in Room 7** at the end of the hall in the Palmer Center. The study topics are: **September 25th The Christian Funeral, October 2: No class.** The class will also be available via ZOOM. Contact Margi Hansche or Frank Walmsley if you have questions or need the study material. Come join us.

SUNDAY VIDEO CLASS WILL START IN OCTOBER!

COME AND SING WITH US!!!

Do you like to sing? Come and join our Chancel Choir. We rehearse on Thursday's at 7:30pm! Everyone is welcome!

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

If you're thinking about joining Gilbert Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), or would like a refresher course on what being a Presbyterian Christian means, please call the church office at 480-892-6753 to let us know of your interest.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available in the Palmer Center for Nursery/Toddler care up to 5 years old with our Nursery Attendant Britney Blackburn.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

We invite everyone to join us following our worship service this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Palmer Center.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The weekly Men's Breakfast meets on **Tuesdays!** We invite all men of GPC to join us at IHOP (Baseline & Val Vista) at 8:00 am each Tuesday for a time of fellowship, lively discussion and fun!

Happy Birthdays:

September 25: Janet Paterson

September 27: Gaill Blackburn

September 27: Cheri Peterson

September 29: Jewell Nichols

September 30: Sharon Dendy

Happy Anniversary:

September 26: David & Susan Martinez

September 26: Michael & Ginger Clucas



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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
10/02/22 @ 11 AM

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THIS WEEK AT GPC

Sunday, September 25

9:30 am – Online & In Person Worship Service

10:30 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center

11:00 am - Adult Bible Study Class meets in person (Room 7) and via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CNDFsdll2ZCtuOGxCL2FzZz09>

11:00 am – Revival Presbyterian Church Bible Study

1:00 pm – EVMC Lunch Prep

1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service

Tuesday, September 27

8:00 am – Men's Breakfast at IHOP
(Val Vista and Baseline)

7:00 pm – Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, September 28

12:30 pm – Quilts of Valor

Thursday, September 29

4:00 pm – Bible Study

7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 30

7:00 pm – GPC Security Task Force

Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday

10:00 am – Coffee Time

**11:00 am – JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE WITH REVIVAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Hymn Inserts

299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,
3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.
he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

This hymn resembles many 18th-century drawings that show parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, especially as described in Revelation 7:9–11. This 18th-century tune has had many names; the one used here honors the dynasty of British monarchs, 1714–1901.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

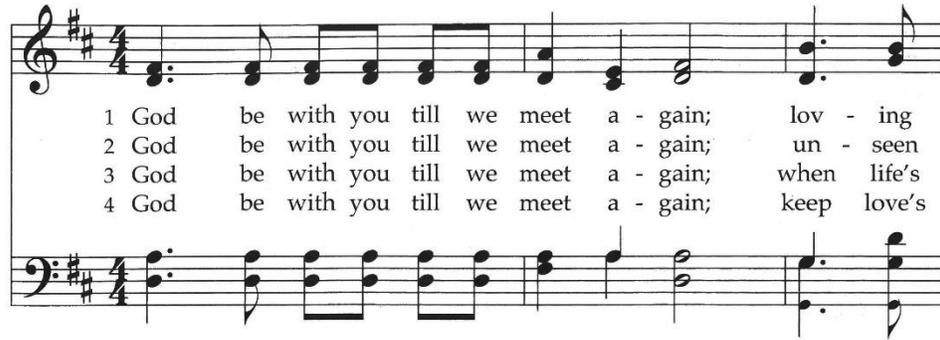
*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

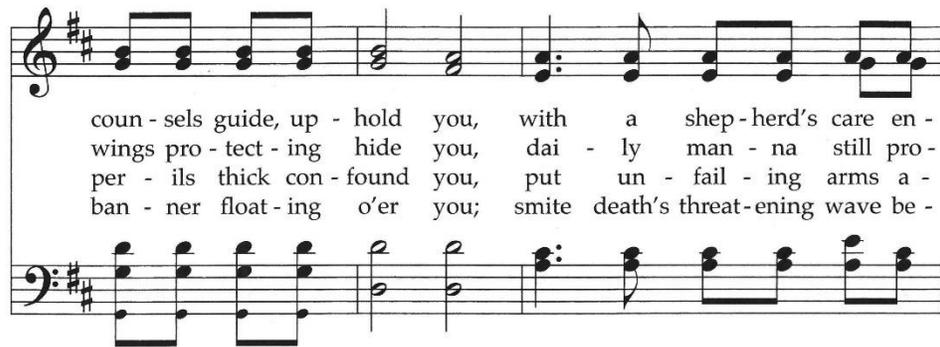
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SENDING

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
round you:
fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.