



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of the North Georgia Mountains

Rev. Susan L. Haynes, Pastor

October 1, 2023

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hymn #421- verse 1 “Have Mercy, God, upon My Life” IRISH
*Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:
pour out your ever faithful love and wash away my sin.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debbie Peterson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Debbie Peterson
Page 508 OT / Page 661 OT large print
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“The Heart Sings On” Joseph Martin

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32
Page 22 NT / Page 28 NT large print
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Fearful or Fearless” Rev. Susan Haynes

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory “In the Bulb There is a Flower” PROMISE

*CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING

Hymn #59 “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”
*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Debbie Peterson

Gracious God, Abundant are the blessings you have freely and joyfully given us.
Grateful for the opportunities you provide for living generous and compassionate
lives of love, prayer, and service,

help us now and always to offer freely and joyfully to you, O God,
our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

This we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #509

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” HOLY MANNA

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (sins/sinners)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right... and join their unending hymn:

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.

Holy are you... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out...Amen.

Communion of the People by the Act of Intinction

(If you prefer to be served at your seat, please indicate to an usher.)

Sharing the Peace

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN #462**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***DEPARTING SONG**

"Go Now in Peace"

BESIG/PRICE

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our friendship with the Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week's events: October 1st – 7th

See *Faith Happenings!* newsletter for details of items mentioned below and other upcoming events and programs (copies in narthex).

Join us each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for coffee and conversation before the worship service.

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| Today | 10:30 a.m. | Worship and World Communion Sunday |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Sukkot lunch with Jewish Congregation of Blue Ridge |
| Tuesday | 10:00 a.m. | Faith Group |
| Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. | Stated Session Meeting - rescheduled |
| | 1:00 p.m. | reKindle 2.0 Committee meeting |
| Thursday | 2:00 p.m. | Faith Group |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. | Merry Maids |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast |
| Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | Worship – Stewardship 2024 Kick-off |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Second Sunday Lunch |

Sukkot – Today we will gather with our Jewish brothers and sisters for lunch to celebrate Sukkot. Sukkot is a weeklong Jewish holiday that comes five days after Yom Kippur. Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the miraculous provision of God for the children of Israel when they left Egypt. Our friends at JCBR will provide the food so we show up and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship.

Again this year, Faith will distribute candy at the **Blue Ridge and McCaysville Halloween Safe Zones**. Since we prepare baggies with pieces of candy and a note from our church, the Mission Planning Team would like to have your contributions of candy as early as possible. There is a basket in the narthex where you can leave your candy. Thank you!



”Bee” preparing for the 2024 Stewardship Campaign with a *Kick-off Luncheon* on **Sunday, October 8th**, our regular **Second Sunday Lunch time**. The theme this year is **“Bee the Church”**. We have exciting activities

planned, so we hope you will join us on Sundays beginning October 8th and concluding November 12th with our “Thanks for Giving Luncheon”. This Second Sunday Lunch will feature delicious fried chicken as the main menu item. Please bring side dishes of salads, fruits, vegetables, and desserts. We look forward to this exciting time in the life of our church.

A **new church directory** is in the making and you will have an opportunity to have a new picture taken along with updating (or confirming) your information that will be printed in the new directory. Bob Goodyear has reserved a block of time each day the week of



November 6th and will be taking pictures in the church classroom. You will be receiving an email the second week of October with an invitation to sign up for a 15-minute photo shoot. More details will be given with the invitation, but we need to get everyone's picture during this week, so it is imperative that you respond to the email and make an appointment if you are in town. If you are out of town during that week, there will be limited opportunities to have your photo taken. Questions can be directed to Terri Charron at sweetwatergshps@gmail.com or Diane Shillcutt at eshillcutt@yahoo.com.

Interested in learning more about Faith Presbyterian or becoming a member here at Faith? Please speak with Rev. Susan Haynes following the service or contact her at susan.haynes@faithpresbyterianusa.org.

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THE SESSION OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| CLASS OF 2023: | Candy Frank | Lynda Ray | Bill Young |
| CLASS OF 2024: | Terri Charron | Al Gnann | Sylvia Goodyear |
| CLASS OF 2025: | Sally Crawford | Bob Elwell | Diane Shillcutt |
| Elders-Elect: | Sandy Cuppia | Greg Duncan | Bill Young |
| Moderator: | Reverend Susan Haynes | | |