

# WORSHIP NOTES

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has a Constitution that consist of two Parts. Part 1 is *The Book of Confessions* and Part 2 is *The Book of Order*. *The Book of Confessions* is compendium of historical creeds and confessions dating as far back as the 4th century, with several creeds, catechisms, and confessions from the Reformation period as well as several from the 20th century. The *Heidelberg Catechism* was first adopted in 1563. It was composed in the midst of controversy over matters of doctrine regarding the Lord’s Supper; specifically, how Christ is present in the sacrament. Such theological debates shaped both the politics and the Protestantism of the 16th century. It is an especially important catechism in the Reformed Church in America. Frederick III wanted a catechism that was firmly rooted in Scripture. It is very personal in nature, with questions and answers addressed personally. It is concerned not with the practical application of doctrine to life and is devotional in nature. One commentator observed that much of the catechism “seems to have been written from bended knees.” The two questions/answers provided today show these traits of the catechism: how belief and trust in the providence of God shapes the way we approach our daily lives: Affirmation of Faith from the *Heidelberg Catechism*

*Q.27 What do you understand by the providence of God?*

The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by God’s fatherly hand.

*Q. 28 How does the knowledge of God’s creation and providence help us?*

We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God that nothing in creation will separate us from God’s love. For all creatures are so completely in God’s hand that without God’s will they can neither move nor be moved.

**Sir John Milford Rutter CBE** (born London, Sept. 24, 1945), composer of *Open Thou Mine Eyes*, is an English composer, choral conductor, editor, arranger, and record producer. Educated at Highgate School and Clare College, Cambridge, he was Director of Music at Clare College from 1975-1979. In 1981 he founded his own choir, The Cambridge Singers, that is known worldwide for its many award-winning recordings. Rutter’s choral compositions are beloved and widely performed. In 1996 the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred a Lambeth Doctorate of Music upon Rutter in recognition of his contributions to church music

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Isabel Cunningham.



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton.

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## THE BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## MINISTERS

The Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton, *Transitional Senior Minister*  
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The Revs. Rebekah McLeod Hutto & Adam D. Gorman, *Associate Ministers*  
The Rev. Michael L. Lindvall, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Hannah F. Allred, Brian K. Ballard, Joshua H. Narcisse, *Student Ministers*

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## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Keith S. Tóth, *Minister of Music and Organist*  
Amanda Page Smith, *Director of Children’s Music Ministries*  
Meg Cutting, *Wilson Family Yale Sacred Music Intern*

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## USHERS

*Officer-in-Charge:* Frederick A. Ehler; *Team Captain:* Robert D. McCrie, Christopher A. Carroll, Luc M. Dowling, Anke K. Ehler, Maxime C. Guignand, Leigh W. Hoagland, Alex G. Li, Helen M. Lynch, Margaret E. Pennoyer, Paul W. Shaum, Jonathan D. Stone, John D. Tuttle, Christopher R. Wight.

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## ORDER OF ST. PAUL

Michael J. Appleby, Nathan P. Appleby, Leah C. Lee, Deborah M. Li, Caroline C. Pickering, Alexander N. Rahman, Christopher L. Allen, *Beadle*.

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## CHANCEL CHOIR

*Soprano:* R. Lynne Lee, Isabella Livorni, Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, Artemisz Polonyi, Catherine Thorpe, Elizabeth Van Os. *Alto:* Agueda Fernández-Abad, Allison Gish, Jessica Kimple, Mary Runyan Marathe, Melissa Raymond. *Tenor:* Richard Liebowitz, Jeremy Little, Johnny Maldonado, Jeffrey Taveras. *Bass:* William S. Crutchfield III, Daniel Hoy, Ryan Stoudt, Nathaniel Sullivan.

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## SESSION

Sallie J. Abelow, Patrick A. F. Blott, Susan P. Crary, Paul J. Elmlinger, R. Scott Froehlich, Scripture Z. Gonzalez, Mark A. Greenwood, Shannon D. Henderson, William S. Hilburn, Harold P. Hope III, Anne R. Huneke, R. Lynne Lee, Sue-Peng Li, Robert D. McCrie, Helen B. Pennoyer, Elizabeth M. Philipp, Clare C. Pickering, Brian J. Pitz, Susan A. Powell, Debra N. Seraphim, Richard H. Stowe, Katherine C. Vosters, Ryan E. Widener, Henry M. Wildermuth (*Youth Elder*), Suzanne W. Wilson, Frances G. Laserson, *Clerk of Session*.

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## DEACONS

Linda R. Arnold, Bret M. Barasch, Beth A. Bell, Arthur W. Bingham, Nancy T. Blair, Elizabeth A. Boehmler, Christopher A. Carroll, Blythe G. Chace (*Youth Deacon*), Carl C. Cordova III, E. Graham Clark, David M. Darst, Helen T. W. Elmiger, Marc T. Engberg, Joseph A. Galloway, William J. Gambrill, Jeffrey B. Gower, Christopher W. Hamilton, Kate S. Hrobsky, Cathy Leonhardt, Jane B. Lowry, Katrina K. Masterson, Amelia McDonald, M. Paige Rustum, Grace Sarno, Andrew R. Skobe, John D. Tuttle, Tanya S. Wells.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

# Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

WELCOME The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

VISITORS, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY  
Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

“Sicilienne”  
Meg Cutting, *organist*

*Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CHORAL INTROIT

“Your Trusting Child”  
Dear God, hear me, Your trusting child, as thankfully I sing, I feel Your presence all around, Your love in everything. Alleluia. Dear God, bless me, Your trusting child, I know my hurt is small, and yet I know You feel with pain the tiny sparrow’s fall. Alleluia. Dear God, lead us, Your trusting flock, to live with faithfulness, replace our worries, fear and doubt with love and openness. Alleluia.  
The Carol, Junior, and Youth Choirs  
Cristina Soto, *piano*

*Shirley W. McRae*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 62)

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from God comes my salvation.  
**People: God alone is my rock and my salvation; I shall never be shaken.**  
Leader: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God.  
**People: God is a refuge for us.**  
**All: The steadfast love of the Lord is everlasting.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 488

“The God of Abraham Praise”

*Leoni*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed to trust Your promises and Your sure provision. We hedge our bets and try to attain our own security apart from You. Forgive us, we pray. Restore trust in us once again and help us to walk in faithfulness. We pray in the name of Jesus, Who came to seek and to save the lost. Amen.

### KYRIE 574

*David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 487, verse 3)

**Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:  
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

*Laudes Domini*

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

## PRESENTATION

### HYMN 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”  
(Verse 1)  
*Please remain seated.*

*Kingdom*

The children being baptized today are:

Robert Montgomery Carlson,  
*son of Ashley Michelle Carlson and John Todd Carlson*

Benjamin Edward Stephen Phillips,  
*son of Monica Nicolle Herman and Douglas Stephen Phillips*

Jett Thomas Powers,  
*son of Jennifer Marie Powers and Stephen Thomas Powers*

Rocky Jay Powers,  
*son of Jennifer Marie Powers and Stephen Thomas Powers*

Bernadette Campbell Robinson,  
*daughter of Shannon Henry Robinson and John Logan Robinson*

John Henry Robinson,  
*son of Shannon Henry Robinson and John Logan Robinson*

*Elders Sallie J. Abelow, Patrick A. F. Blott, R. Scott Froehlich,  
Shannon D. Henderson, Anne R. Huneke, Helen B. Pennoyer,  
and Elizabeth M. Philipp will assist with today’s baptisms.*

### BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

### BAPTISM

### BLESSING AND WELCOME

### HYMN 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”  
(Verses 2-4)  
*Please remain seated.*

*Kingdom*

# THE WORD

*Children will be dismissed for Sunday Church School classes after the baptisms.*

### \* HYMN 282

*Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*  
“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

*David G. Berkman*

Genesis 12:1-7; 18:1-15 (*Pew Bible, page 10 O.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton*  
“From the Beginning: *Called to Trust*”

# THE RESPONSE

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray...

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Not for this land alone,  
But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;  
And may the nations see that we must loving be,  
And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

*America*

### \* INVITATION TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Open Thou Mine Eyes”  
*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, nought else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.  
*—Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)*

Elizabeth Van Os, *soprano*

### \* DOXOLOGY 592

**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.**

*Old Hundredth*

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# THE SENDING

### \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 276

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

*Faithfulness*

### BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)*  
“Toccata in E minor”  
Meg Cutting, *organist*

*If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.*