

Message How Shall We Live: Leading with the Tongue instead of the Heart
Pastor Steve

Musical Reflection *Charlie Postas*

A time I was hurt by someone's words...
A time I set off a "firestorm" with my words...
A way I can check thoughts that should not become words...

Time of Prayer: Requests, Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer *Pastor Steve*
Pastor: In Jesus' name. People: Hear our prayer O Lord.


***Hymn 397** The Gift of Love

***Charge / Benediction**

***Parting Music**

Join us for a time of refreshment and fellowship in the narthex!




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Presbyterian Church
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Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.
Psalm 19:14*

**September 15, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

*Staffed Nursery, Wheelchair, Hearing Assist System & Large Print Bibles
available. See A/V booth for assistance.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY
17th Sunday after Pentecost

"Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way"

Welcome to Wayside, and to this first traditional service of our fall schedule. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we invite you to continue to worship with us to see if this congregation is a good fit, and to register for our next Seekers Class set for October 27. If interested in participating in one of our choirs or small groups, contact the director or church office for more information. See you next week!

***Please stand as able in body, mind, or spirit.**

Greeting / Passing the Peace of Christ / Ways to Connect *Pastor Steve*

Prelude *Charlie Postas, Accompanist*

Lighting of the Worship & Peace Candles *Acolyte*

Call to Worship *from Psalm 116* *Marilyn Aurand, Liturgist*

ONE: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

ALL: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

ONE: How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?

ALL: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

***Hymn 96 (vv. 1, 2 & 3)** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Unison Prayer of Confession *Liturgist*

Forgive me Lord, for I have sinned. With some around me I have been unkind with my words, and with others I have failed to speak of your love and offer forgiveness. Now I am in need of hearing of your loving kindness and mercy. By the power of your holy Spirit purge my mind of all that is unclean, and fill my mouth with messages of grace and hope, that I might be a better witness to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray.

(Continue in silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon *Romans 10:8-11* *Liturgist*

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are

justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11 As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

Liturgist: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are, I am, forgiven.

***Hymn 734** Glory Be to the Father / *Gloria Patri*

Bell Anthem Down By The Riverside / *Tammy Waldrop* *Louise Duncan, Director*
Charlie Postas, Accompanist



Prayer Table for Giving & Lighting Candles / Offertory

***Hymn 34** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow / *Doxology*

Choir Anthem With a Voice of Joy / *words J. Paul Williams & music Patti Drennan*
Janelle Pabon, Music Director

Epistle Reading *James 3:1-12* *Pastor Steve*

1 Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2 We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. 3 When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. 4 Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. 5 Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, 8 but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.