





## **LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

### **SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

#### **PRELUDE**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. Christopher Bovard

**Meditation & Preparation for Worship**

#### **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

**\*Call to Worship** -- *1 Samuel 2:2,6-8; Job 1:21*

Michael Woodhead

Leader: "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God."

***Congregation: "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away;" "he brings low and he exalts."***

Leader: "He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor."

***Congregation: "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"***

**\*Opening Prayer**

#### **WE APPROACH GOD**

**\*Songs of Praise:**

*His Mercy Is More*

*Your Great Name*

*How Deep the Father's Love*

**Old Testament Reading:** Psalm 1

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

Angie Bortoluzzi & Janis Gomola

### \*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving: #731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Prayers of the People

*Children (3 years old – Kindergarten) may be dismissed for Children's Fellowship*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

\*Hymn: #141 God, In the Gospel of His Son

New Testament Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

### Message:

**Sermon Series: The Parables of Jesus**

*"If You Get It, You've Got It" – The Parable of the Sower*

Rev. Christopher Bovard

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*Hymn: #338 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

\*Benediction

\*Sending: #735 Gloria Patri

*\*Congregation please stand as able*

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If you are visiting with us today, **welcome!** We hope you are blessed by being here and that you feel comfortable and at home.

**For guests with children:** We welcome children in the service but if you need other resources, a **Nursery** is available for babies and toddlers up to 3 years old and, children 3 years old through kindergarten are welcome to attend **Children's Fellowship** (dismissed after the prayer). The nursery is located across the hall from the sanctuary and Children's Fellowship meets at the end of the hall in our education wing. Children are also welcome to pick up a Children's bulletin clipboard at the Welcome Desk.

**This week:**

<b>Today</b> <i>(Sept. 22)</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 pm	Alabaster Children's Theatre
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 pm	Worship Committee meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm	Deacons meeting
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am	Sr. Saints Bible Study
	5:00 pm	FLC reserved
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	FLC reserved
<b>Sunday</b> <i>(Sept. 29)</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Group

**Serving Today**

<b>Greeters:</b>	Sansones
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	M. Woodhead
<b>Nursery:</b>	L. Donatucci, C. Berkenpas, T. Bovard
<b>Children's Fellowship:</b>	O. Sansone, S. Sansone
<b>D.A.D.</b>	B. Minnigh

**Serving next week: September 29**

<b>Greeters:</b>	TBD
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	A. Bovard
<b>Nursery:</b>	J. Faith, N. Woodhead, E. Parsons
<b>Children's Fellowship:</b>	E. Twilla, A. Bender
<b>D.A.D.</b>	B. Minnigh

**Note:** Announcements for the bulletin should be submitted to the office by 3 pm on Wednesday.

**Connect**

I'd like more info about:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteering
- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bible study
- \_\_\_\_\_ Home groups
- \_\_\_\_\_ Youth ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

\_\_\_\_\_ name

\_\_\_\_\_ address

\_\_\_\_\_ phone

\_\_\_\_\_ email

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to the church email list

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add me to the email prayer chain

\_\_\_\_\_ Please add/change above information to church directory

*Place this tear-off strip in the offering plate.*

**September 22, 2024**

**Sermon Series: The Parables of Jesus**  
***“If You Get It, You’ve Got It”* – The Parable of the Sower**  
Matthew 13:1-23  
Rev. Christopher Bovard

**Prayer and Praises for our Church Family:****New Cov Family:**

Pray for the spiritual and all-around blessings for the following church members/friends and their families. This week, pray for ***Christopher & Jessica Bovard (Max, Talia), Robert & Amanda Bovard (Emmaline, Christopher), Jeremy & Jessica Brown (Tobey, Evangeline, Jude, Margaret, Jonas)***

**New Requests/Updates:**

Kathleen Struble requests prayer for her mother, ***Donnann Shadle***, who had knee replacement surgery this week. Pray that her recovery will go smoothly and quickly and that her pain level will be minimal as she cannot tolerate pain meds very well.

**Remember the prayer needs of:**

***Doris Seath*** – for comfort following her recent loss

***Howard Family*** – for Josh as he prepares for the credentialing process; for the family as they prepare for the move, and for their current church as they prepare for a transition

**For our Military:**

Pray for those serving or training in the military – especially those from our church family or who have friends or relatives in our church family: This week pray for: ***Alex Gabrielse, Ian Griffith, Ryan Grimm.***

**For Missionaries, Ministry and Outreach Partners:**

Remember the organizations and individuals that we partner with prayerfully and financially. This week, pray for:

***Navigators - Jay***

***PitCare, Inc.***

***RUF @ Pitt - Gavin Breeden & Callie Miller***

**Sr. Saints Bible Study** – Friday, September 27; 10 a.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join them for fellowship, study and prayer.

**Men's Retreat – September 27-29**: All men are invited to the 2024 Pioneer Fall Men's Retreat at Camp Harmony. This is a 2 day all-inclusive event; meals, lodging and activities are covered. Cost is \$84 for adults and \$74 for kids (12 and under). Contact Greg Sleasman by 9/23 to register (724-237-6107 or [gsleasman76@gmail.com](mailto:gsleasman76@gmail.com)).

**Mosaic Food Pantry & Emergency Food Boxes:**

Mosaic provides emergency food boxes and toiletries to needy individuals and families in Jeannette, and they are receiving increasing requests for help due to the rising cost of living. If you would like to help, Mosaic needs supplies which you can buy and have shipped directly to them. Visit their Walmart registry at <https://bit.ly/4dZh8zd> or their Amazon registry at <https://bit.ly/472PhvL> .

**Greeters:** To volunteer go to <https://bit.ly/greetatNCPC>. There are many open slots through the end of 2024.