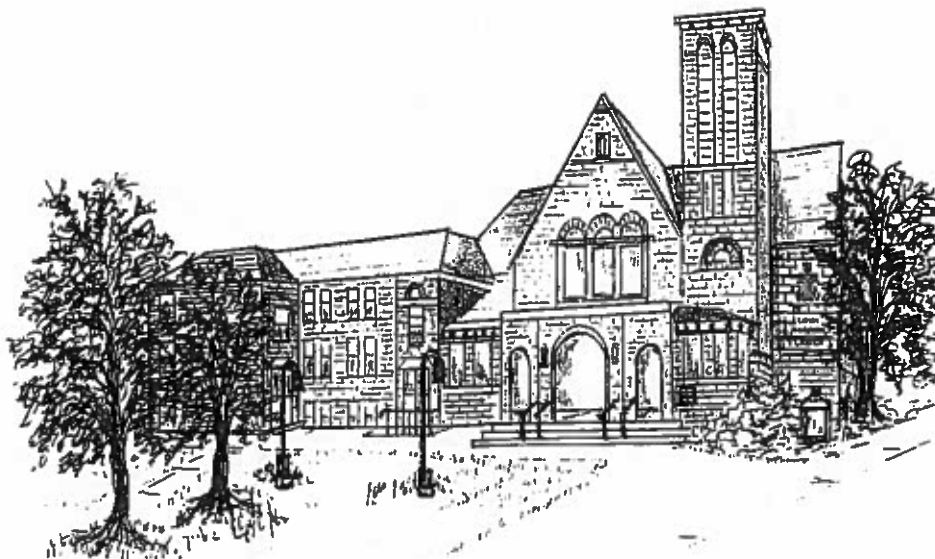




## Latrobe Presbyterian Church

428 Main Street  
Latrobe, PA 15650



*Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love.  
Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,  
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly  
proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2023

11:00 am - Main St.

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## GATHERING

*Prayer Request Cards (blue) are inside the Pew Card Holder.*

*The ushers will collect the request cards before the Prelude.*

*The **bold print** invites the people to read aloud and/or sing.*

*Please sign the register in the pew pads*

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Derek Campbell

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*2 Thess. 3:18*

### PRELUDE

Arioso  
John Giansante, Violin

J. S. Bach

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Lector, Pam Snyder

### PRAYER FOR THE DAY

.....one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*An asterisk \* invites the people to stand.*

**\*HYMN 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just and humble life to the glory of your holy name.**

*(Silent Confession)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORY TO THE FATHER – HYMNAL 581**

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

**\*THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*(Greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you.")*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

... through the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PSALM 139**

Lector

Hal H. Hopson



**Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.**

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**GOSPEL READING**            **John 9:1-11**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**NEW TESTAMENT**            **Ephesians 2:1-10**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**"God's Poetry"**

Rev. Derek Campbell

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN 29 O God, You Search Me**

**REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT  
FOR THOSE UNITING WITH OUR CONGREGATION**

*(see insert)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

...and so with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray.

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Traditional, Page 35-before Hymn #1)*

# O God, You Search Me

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(Psalm 139)



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my  
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -  
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have  
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I  
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I  
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with  
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are  
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is  
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the  
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery  
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my  
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the  
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
 dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.  
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and most intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God's presence in all aspects of one's life. Sometimes resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God's care.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let Us Build a House  
Chancel Choir and John Giansante, Violin

Marty Haugen

**\*DOXOLOGY – HYMNAL 606**

*(Please remain standing)*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMNAL 568**

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

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The **flowers** this week are to the  
**Glory of God**

Serving as Greeters this morning are: - **Elder Scott McNerny and Deacon Sandi Buzek.**

Our Hospitality Table Host is the **Evangelism and Membership Committee.**



USHERS serving you this morning are members of:  
**Team V – Deborah Irwin-Captain, Marge Buerger, Barb Fitzmaurice, Marilyn Hauser, Diana Kreiling, Lisa McCracken, Kay Musick and Pat Speedy.**

# 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

We welcome **John Giansante** as our violinist this morning. John is a dual Computer Science and Cyber Security Major at Seton Hill. He studies violin privately, participates in the Sinfonia and plays for the Chapel Choir as well.

**Today** we will take our **Two-Cents-A-Meal** collection. Thank you for your support of this hunger program.

We will need volunteers for the **Food Bank** to be held at St. Vincent Grove on Tuesday, **September 19** beginning at 8:00 am. Please sign the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary if you can volunteer to help.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will begin on **September 20** at 9:30 am.

**Pine Springs Camp** is hosting a fall retreat on Friday, October 20 through Sunday, October 22. This retreat, called "The Big One", is for students entering sixth grade through 12 grade. The weekend guarantees lots of activities, games, worship and fun in typical Pine Spring Camp style. Full scholarships are available for our young people. If your child or grandchild would like to go please contact the church office for information about these scholarships.

A **Ministerial Association** event will occur on Sunday, September 24. The event will honor God's creation and begin in the **Prayer Garden at 4:30 pm**, followed by a walk to a local "urban" vegetable garden. The group will return to LPC for a covered dish dinner. No sign up, just show up! Call Cindy Soltys with questions.

As we look forward to World Communion Sunday the first Sunday of October, if anyone speaks a language other than English and would like to participate in the **World Communion worship** service, please contact Pastor Derek or the office as soon as you can.

**When you or a loved one is hospitalized**, please be sure to have someone notify the church office. It is important that when you or a family member is admitted to the hospital you identify yourself as a member of LPC – that way the hospital is able to notify us so we may make a visit.



## WEEKLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Monday 9/18**

7:00 pm ..... Session

**Tuesday 9/19**

8:00 am ..... Food Bank – St. Vincent Grove

10:00 am ..... Lights of Love Board Meeting

**Wednesday 9/20**

9:30 am ..... Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1:30 pm ..... Property and Finance Committee Meeting

**Thursday 9/21**

6:15 pm ..... Men's Bible Study

6:30 pm ..... Belles

7:30 pm ..... Chancel Choir

**Sunday 9/24 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 am ..... Adult Sunday School

9:45 am ..... Children's Sunday School

11:00 am ..... Worship Service