

For Prayer & Contemplation

“Faith is not an anti-depressant. It cannot be swallowed in order to rewire our brains for happiness. Rather, faith allows us to accept the coexistence of God and suffering. We do not have to choose between two realities, because, if we did, God would have to go. There is no way we could deny the existence of suffering. I believe God exists in this messed-up world, and, in the moments of greatest pain, God is there to wipe away our tears. After all, we aren’t the only ones crying. God is crying too.”

--Sarah Griffith Lund, *Blessed Are the Crazy*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Songs of Faith, Hope, & Love

Prayer of Adoration

Entering in the Presence

Moment of Silence

Notes of Assurance *Be Thou My Vision*

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Time with Children

Scripture

Old Testament *Psalms 130*

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New Testament *John 20:11-18*

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Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “Every Tear is God’s Tear” - Rev. Drew Harrison

Choral Anthem Hymn No. 194 “When Jesus Wept” –
Billings, *Sanctuary Ensemble*

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear
in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear
seized all the guilty world around.*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology** *Tallis*

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, thank you for everything you do for us. We offer you our gifts as thanks. Bless these gifts and bless us to serve you faithfully. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

One: We know that every tear is yours, O Lord
So we lift our tears of joy and sorrow up to you,
as we ask you to come to us
and fill us with your presence, healing, wholeness, and hope.

All: **Someone’s crying, Lord, Kumbayah.**

One: God we lift up to you all of our happy tears,
surprising us at soccer games, overwhelming us at
weddings,
dripping down our cheeks following a much needed
hug,
filling up our eyes when we receive affirmation and
appreciation,
Come by here, Lord, and accept our offerings of joy

All: **Someone’s crying, Lord, Kumbayah.**

One: God we lift up to you all our tears of sorrow
at the brokenness of our world, its violence and
desolation,
from our own failed relationships, heartbreak, and
loneliness,
as we face the trials of life in hospital rooms, at school,
at work,...

and in our own homes,
Come by here, Lord, and turn our sorrows into joy
All: **Someone’s crying, Lord, Kumbayah.**
One: Come to us all, in joy and suffering and everything
in between.

Touch every part of our lives,
so that every breath we take we breathe in you,
so that we may go out into the world
knowing you are always with us,
filled with courage, strength, grace, and mercy,
abiding in you as you abide in us.
Come by here, Lord, and lead us home.

All: **Oh, Lord, Kumbayah.**

Our Prayers

*Gerald, the family of Constance, the family of Irv, Meg,
Gorman, the family of Ginnie, Mary Pat, Heather, Cheryl,
Jeff, Joanna, Timmy, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David, Ted,
William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Russell, Phyllis, Aaron, Nic,
Douglas*

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.**

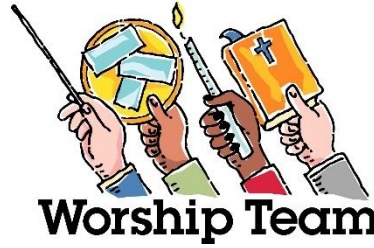
***Hymn** “One Foot in Front of the Other” - DeMore

*Benediction

***Benediction Choral Response** (sung 3x)
“Amen” – African American spiritual

**Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****



The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>
Liturgist • Suzanne Carson
Ushers • Bev Donofrio, Bobbi Wilkins
Coffee Hour Host • Deacons

<i>This Week's Calendar</i> September 12-19	
<i>Sunday</i> September 12	10 AM Worship Service 11 AM "Welcome Back" Coffee Hour with Deacons - Church Lawn
<i>Monday</i> September 13	7 PM Property Committee Meeting 7 PM Session Meeting
<i>Tuesday</i> September 14	7 PM Invitation & Outreach Committee
<i>Wednesday</i> September 15	10 AM Joy Circle 1 PM Faith Circle 7 PM Circle of Life
<i>Thursday</i> September 16	7 PM Christian Education Committee
<i>Friday</i> September 17	
<i>Saturday</i> September 18	9:30 AM Grace Circle 10 AM Sanctuary Reserved (AGO Meeting)
<i>Sunday</i> September 19	10 AM Worship Service

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10 AM Worship Service
September 12, 2021
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Drew Harrison