ORDER OF SERVICE

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21st, 2025 <u>GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME</u>

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Living Faith: Generosity

Joys and Concerns

Prelude "Circle"

By Dr. Adrian Carr, from the album 11.

Silent Reflection Time

Choral Introit "God is Calling Through a Whisper"

Polish Carol with text by Mary Louise Bringle

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; Deliver us, forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

*Hymn "There Is a Balm in Gilead" #792

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Prayer)

*Gloria Patri #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading Psalm 113 pg. 563

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem "Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come"

Punjabi melody with text by D. T. Niles

Second Reading Luke 16:1-13 pg. 79

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Shrewdly" Rev. Tim Luoma

Silent Reflection Time

*Hymn "We Give Thee but Thine Own" #708

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

Offertory "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Words & Music by Jacques Berthier

*Doxology #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Gracious God, source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust, you feed us with your love and equip us to share in your purpose. Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits, our guarded purses, our meager strength, and continue to expand our hearts, until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning; for we pray in the name of your son, Jesus, and by the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 Response

"Prayers of the People"

Matthew 6:10, Music by Bonnie Johansen-Werner

*Hymn "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" #299

Congregational Meeting

*Benediction

Benediction Response "Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God"

Traditional Xhosa Words & Music

Postlude

All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.



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Happy Birthday!

Sara Black	9/26	Christopher Booth	9/27
Linda Voss	9/27	Donna Corodimas	9/28
Mike Berry	9/29	Grace Duley	9/29
Stephen Krieg	9/30	Marjorie Mapstone	9/30
Cindy Malchoff	9/30		

Plattsburgh Cares Emergency Food Bag Project

Plattsburgh Cares has been doing monthly events for their Emergency Food Bag Project to prepare bags at St. Joseph's Outreach Center. The food bags are designed to meet the emergency food needs in a motel room setting. The bags also include a small toiletry kit containing shampoo, body wash (soap), toothbrush and toothpaste.

They are currently looking for more volunteers to assist in their next bagging event! The next Emergency Food Bag Project packing date is scheduled for Friday, October 3rd. Volunteers are asked to meet about 10:30a at St. Joseph's Outreach Center, 1349 Military Turnpike, Plattsburgh. If you are able to attend, please email Diana Wardell at dmwardel176@gmail.com

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The toddler room and crib room are available for parent use with your very young children. Please ask an usher for directions.

Guests are encouraged to join us for Fellowship Time after Worship Service downstairs in our Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of September 21st, 2025

Roger & Marilyn Patnode Carl & Lyn Payne Derek Payne & Elizabeth Lawliss Travis Payne

PRAYER CONCERNS

Matt Burgin and family
Barbara Thompson
John Mazur
Joy Mazur
Tish Landis
Peg & Jack Myers
John Mazur
Nancy Olsen
Cindy & Ron Howell

Bob K

This Sunday we thank:

WORSHIP LEADER: Zaidee Laughlin

USHERS: Bill and Kerry Haley

FELLOWSHIP:

ZOOM COORDINATOR: Jim Snook

Worship Leaders	Fellowship time	
Sept 28- Carla Hausrath	Sept 28-	
Oct 5- Rob Meisenheimer	Oct 5-	

Ushers	Zoom Coordinators
Sept 28- Malcolm & Kathe Fairweather	Sept 28- Jennie Booth
Oct 5- Terri Mahoney	Oct 5- Carl Payne

Fellowship Time

Hosts are needed for fellowship time. Please consider stepping up and signing up. If you would like to host *Fellowship Time*, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office via phone at 518-561-3140 or by e-mail at office@presbyplatt.org

Adult Church School

It's time to go back to school for all ages! At our church, an adult class begins **today** at 9 AM in the Church Library. The lesson is self-contained each week, participants are welcome to come whenever their schedule allows. Sally Meisenheimer and Anne Bailey teach the class, and all are welcome to join us. Email Sally at sally.meisenheimer@yahoo.com to receive the weekly lessons via email and read it in advance.

Sing for Unity

Trinity Church is organizing a community concert/sing-along that is being done across the globe called "Sing For Unity" It's being done on the UN International Day For Peace, September 21st, 2025 at 2pm.

Choir

Choir is back in session, and we are always looking for new members. Please feel welcome to join us at 6pm on Thursdays and before worship on Sunday mornings and bless us with your gifts of music!

Sunday, Sept 21:	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Choir Practice Adult Church School Worship Service Congregation Meeting
Monday, Sept 22:	6:00 pm	Session
Tuesday, Sept 23:	9:30 am 10:30 am Noon	Staff Meeting Bible Study AA Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 24:	1:45pm 7:00 pm	Parkinsons Support Group Plattsburgh Table Tennis
Thursday, Sept 25:	9:15 am Noon 6:00 pm	Quilting Group AA Meeting Choir
Sunday, Sept 28:	9:00 am 10:00 am	Choir Practice Worship Service