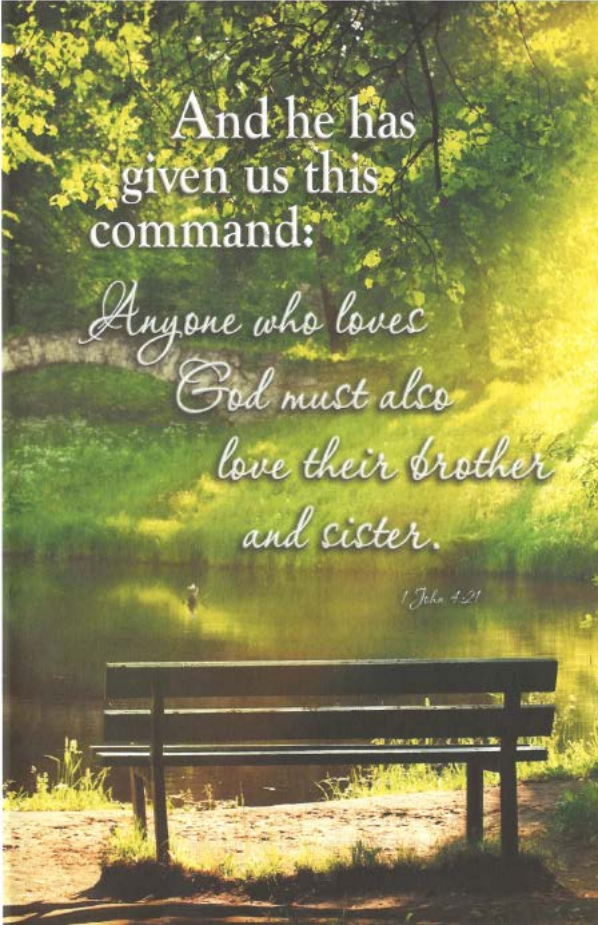




And he has
given us this
command:

*Anyone who loves
God must also
love their brother
and sister.*

1 John 4:21

Marcia, Guest Speaker
Judy, Liturgist
Joe, Music Tech, in training

September 20th, 2026

Teacher Dedication

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11 (pg. 861 [1054 LP] OT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is Sabbath – we seek deep within our restful selves for re-creation.

People: This is Sunday – we celebrate the bright resurrection and its good news.

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made.

People: How good it is! Thank you, God, for the gift of this day to come aside and worship you!

*HYMN #476 *"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"*

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Gracious God, you have brought us to the goodness of another Sabbath, through the joys and the challenges of another week, yet how hard it is to heed your call to rest one day – to set one day aside – keep it holy. Forgive us for *hearing* and deliberately *not doing*. May we listen to the wisdom of your way, and set this day apart from the others, and in the difference this day can be, find our minds and hearts drawn to you. Help us to "remember," dear God, and stir our hearts to "do." Hear us as we come to you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (in silence)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (pg. 579 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PASSING THE PEACE

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 145:1-9* (pg. 581 [714 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Philippians 1:21-30*
(pg. 196 [240 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 20:1-16* (pg. 21 [26 LP] NT)

SERMON "It's Not Fair" Marcia

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lake Shore"

TEACHER DEDICATION Judy

UNISON PRAYER

Everlasting God of all love and hope, we come seeking your hand upon us; upon those who are dedicating their hearts and time to the teaching of your word in this coming year in our church. Bless them to give willingly, first and foremost to you, O Lord. Bless the nurturing of your love among us, that we may all grow in our understanding and love for you. And carry us ever along in the task of living your good news in our world. We pray in Christ's name. Amen

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS Judy

Let's sing together, "This Little Light of Mine" (Di &/or Kari will lead)



This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This Little Light of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, no; I'm gonna let it shine....



Continue on back



All around the world..., I'm gonna let it shine....
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine....

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (pg 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week, Sunday, September 27th, come join us after service for
our annual picnic lunch at Pfeiffer Nature Preserve!

Sign up sheet in Narthex for food!



*HYMN #422

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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Judy at 716-933-6303



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For the week beginning September 20, 2026

GREETER: Terry and Judy
PRAYER FAMILY: Diana
ELDER for the Month: Bizzy

Mon 9/21 Office Closed
Food Pantry Prep 9:00 a.m.
Tues 9/22 Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Wed 9/23 Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Thu 9/24 Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Fri 9/25 Office Closed

Sanctuary Cleaning – 9/27 – Kathy

Next

Sun 9:00 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Guest Speaker: Elizabeth
Liturgist: Craig
Greeters: ???????
Music Tech:?????
Video Streaming Tech: Cso

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

We are collecting **RICE** for the Portville Community Food Pantry. **REMINDER:** *Egg cartons are also being collected.*



9:00 A.M.

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

September 20th

September 27th

October 11th

October 25th

November 15th

November 22nd

November 29th