SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 26, 2025 11:00am
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Homecoming/Anniversary Sunday

PRELUDE
"To God Be the Glory *with* Glorify Thy Name"
arr. Whitworth
Piano/organ duet, Joyce Myers and Barbara Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC
Provided by Exact Change

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

***INTROIT** **SEE SCREEN**
"Holy Ground"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
"We Are the Church" Price/Besig

All: The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord, and this church stands as an example of Christian unity, bringing people together in worship, in fellowship, and in service. On this day of celebration, we reaffirm our commitment to carry God's love into our community and the world around us.
Choral Finale

GREETINGS AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes
Executive Presbyter, The Presbytery of Donegal

***OPENING HYMN #63 Vs. 1,2,5**
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION
The God of mercy hears our cries. Let us confess our failings and needs to each other and to the one who commands us to come and be healed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)
Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. Hear this and answer; in Jesus' holy name we pray.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Remember that Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest but was appointed by God, who said to him, "You are a priest forever." As we confess our sins, we have assurance that Christ intercedes on our behalf. God hears our prayer. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Amen! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Praise be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

HOMECOMING AND RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION HYMN #563 (ALL)
"Open My Eyes That I May See"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 55: 8-12
Rev. Ken Osborne Page 1149

ANTHEM
"Song of Faith" Joseph Martin

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4: 4-9
Rev. Jack Craft Page 1830

SERMON
"The Peace Which Surpasses Understanding"

PROFESSION OF FAITH hymnal, back cover

***HYMN #786**
"Count Your Blessings"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER
RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641
"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY Exact Change
***DOXOLOGY**
***OFFERING PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC Exact Change

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **SEE SCREEN**
"Go Now in Peace"

***POSTLUDE**
"The Rejoicing" Handel

*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers on the organ are given by Patti and Jim Gibney in memory of those members of Slate Ridge who have left us and in honor of those with us.

Thank you to members of Exact Change: John (Charlie) Himmer, LeeAnn Masters, Alex McComas and Don Himmer for sharing their musical talents with us this morning.