



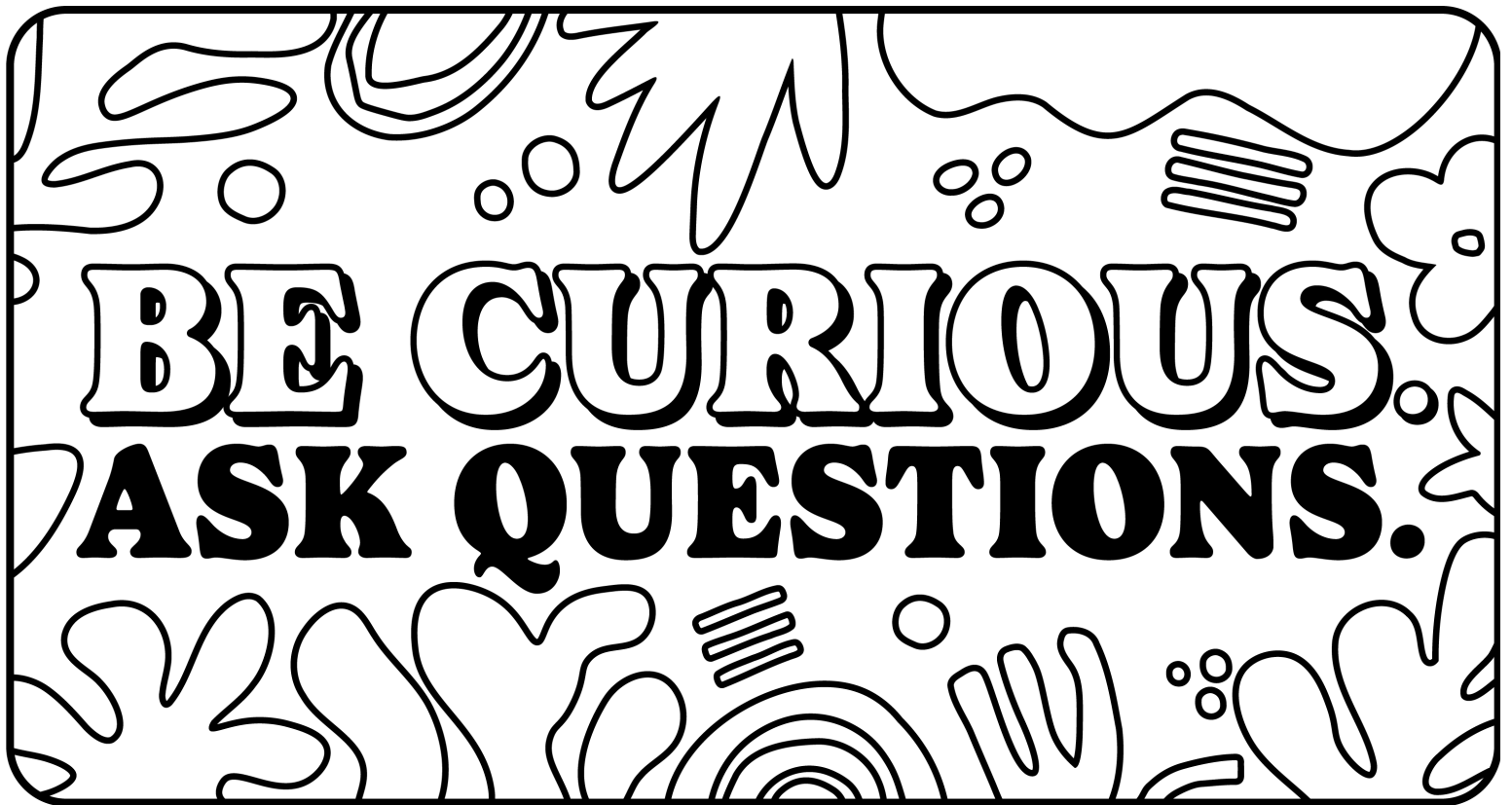
INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 18, 2024



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C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Nancy Jermann, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*Be filled with questions about yourself and the world around you.
Be blessed with discernment as you decide when, where, and to whom you will ask your
many questions. And when there is no answer to be found, or none that satisfy,
cling to the greatest promise of all: God loves you and will never leave you. Amen.*

~ GATHERING ~

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit, for the liturgy marked with asterisks.
Congregation is invited to read the liturgy in bold.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from 1 Kings 2:2-3)*

Be strong, be courageous, keep the charge:
and walk in the paths of the **LORD your God.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from ILLUSTRATED MINISTRY)*

God of wonder and curiosity,
open my mind to the amazing world around me today.
When I am confused or curious,
guide me to wise people who can help me understand new things.
And no matter how long it takes for me to learn,
I know you are always my patient teacher.
Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE
by Clara H. Scott

GTG #451
OPEN MY EYES

*POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ's presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]*

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 6:30-34

Pew Bible p.38 (NT)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

THESE TREASURED CHILDREN

GTG #487

by Jacque B. Jones

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HEBREW BIBLE

I KINGS 2 (SELECT VERSES)

Pew Bible p.290 (OT)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

BE CURIOUS

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

Children (and adults) may bring up their backpacks for a blessing.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Beloved child of God, may you be curious and ask questions about the amazing world around you this school year.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 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.

~ *SENDING* ~

*HYMN

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING
by Jaroslav J. Valjda

GTG #547
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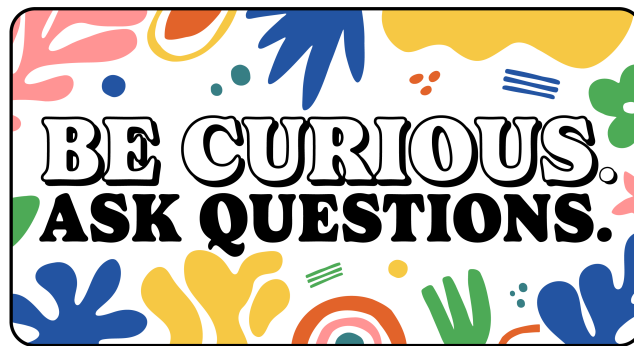
BENEDICTION

*SENDING

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

GTG #541
Verse 1

POSTLUDE



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Upcoming

Today– Pool Party at the Laveys (after fellowship)

Sept 1 – Hymn Sing (Outdoor Worship)

Sept 8 – Rally Day and Festival – Potluck after Worship

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