



# This Season at a Glance



Date	September 5, 2010	September 12, 2010	September 19, 2010
<b>Liturgical date</b>	15th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18 [23]	16th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19 [24]	17th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20 [25]
<b>Focus</b>	A New Identity	Growing in God's Love	Prayerful Living
<b>Lectionary readings</b> <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Jeremiah 18:1–11 Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 Luke 14:25–33 <b>Philemon 1–21</b>	Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28 Psalm 14 Luke 15:1–10 <b>1 Timothy 1:12–17</b>	Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 Psalm 79:1–9 Luke 16:1–13 <b>1 Timothy 2:1–7</b>
<b>Worship emphases</b>	To receive the word of grace that compels and moves us into being communities of justice.	To experience the unconditional acceptance of God that continually transforms our living.	To worship and pray as mindful participants of God's realm.
<b>Congregational Life</b>	"First-Century Slavery" "Timeless Messages: Philemon, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy"	"Unpacking the Baggage" "Telling Faith Stories"	"The Pastoral Letters: Background on Church and Society" "Setting the Worship Space"
<b>Ages 3-5</b>	learning from one another what it is to be church explored through puppet, story, fingerplay, poster and <b>options</b> : welcome cards, snack, activity sheet	affirming God's love helps us learn and grow explored through puppet, story, song, poster and <b>options</b> : building little homes, play dough, activity sheet	ways of praying explored through puppet, song, story, and <b>options</b> : table tents, place-mats, dancing prayer
<b>Ages 6-8</b>	imagining how we can show God's love in the world through a game, an outreach project, and a group mobile	growing in faith and love with community wristbands, growing together books, and a growing vine of discipleship	practicing prayer with a prayer tree, prayerful motions, and a spinner that helps us pray for others
<b>Ages 9-11</b>	discovering how church community is shaped through games, letters, sculpture	recognizing God's presence in community through group weaving, drama, thank you jars	exploring prayer through prayer partners, prayer journals, prayer mural
<b>Multiage</b> <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	learning about caring through drama, letter-writing, mobile, song, outreach project, prayer, and game	discovering faith role models through storytelling, interview, faith books, song, outreach project, thank you jars, and group weaving	learning about prayer through five-finger prayer, breath prayer, mural, singing prayers, prayer spinner, walking prayer, and prayer partners
<b>Ages 12-14</b>	learning to use power and influence for the good	exploring through Paul's story how God's love can transform lives	considering how to offer both verbal prayer and the prayer of one's life
<b>Ages 15-18</b>	pondering identity and relationships of power through character study, letter writing, collage, discussion	reflecting on God's transforming love through art engagement, exploring key words, six-word summaries	examining tensions between living in God's realm and in world through prayer, word study on "shalom," making prayer garden
<b>Adult</b>	nurturing Christian identity through letter writing, art response, and sharing stories	exploring relationship with God through guided reflection, autobiography, and outreach	considering citizenship in two realms through shalom poems, music, and prayer stations





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Date	September 26, 2010	October 3, 2010	October 10, 2010
<b>Liturgical date</b>	18th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21 [26]	19th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22 [27]	20th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23 [28]
<b>Focus</b>	Surprising Investment	Free to Grieve	Planting Life
<b>Lectionary readings</b> <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	<b>Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15</b> Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Luke 16:19-31 1 Timothy 6:6-19	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or <b>Psalm 137</b> Luke 17:5-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14	<b>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</b> Psalm 66:1-12 Luke 17:11-19 2 Timothy 2:8-15
<b>Worship emphases</b>	To trust in the tenacity of God's love and invest ourselves in God's hope.	To create space where all our emotions are welcome and find strength in God's community.	To recognize in our everyday living God's everlasting faithfulness.
<b>Congregational Life</b>	"What Is Land Really Worth?" "The Meaning of Exile"	"Unacknowledged Grief" "Truth"	"The Prophetic Ideology of Land in Jeremiah" "Spotlight On: <i>Revival Field</i> "
<b>Ages 3-5</b>	a surprising message from God explored through puppet, story, poster, song, and <b>options</b> : paper surprises, surprising sounds, pass-the-parcel	Hebrew people remembering God's presence explored through puppet, story, poster, song and <b>options</b> : harps, happy/sad faces, memory game	Jeremiah's letter giving hope explored through puppet, story, seed planting, song and <b>options</b> : seed pouch necklaces, sequencing, display board
<b>Ages 6-8</b>	discovering God's presence at all times with a relay race, messages of hope, and heart hanger	using a feelings cube, banner, and mobile to express all of our emotions to God	continuing our God-given work with seed cards, planting seeds, and house magnets
<b>Ages 9-11</b>	sharing ways God's love brings hope through certificates, banner, radio show	being open with God about our feelings through writing laments, mood wheel, collage	considering everyday hopeful actions through personal reflections, seed cards, planting gardens
<b>Multiage</b> <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	exploring God's presence through drama, Bible research, banner, song, hope reminders, meditation, and relay	expressing our feelings to God through facial expressions, Bible research, collage, song, group and personal laments, and memory game	exploring hope through art conversation, Bible research, magnets, song, seed cards, meditation, and working together
<b>Ages 12-14</b>	witnessing an unusual real estate deal by Jeremiah as a testament to hope	exploring how God is present not only in joy and hope, but in fear, sadness, and anger	learning how to "bloom where you are planted" by reflecting on Jeremiah's letter to the exiles
<b>Ages 15-18</b>	exploring vision and hope through reflection, identifying hopes, art engagement, investment in service project	exploring lament through psalms, music, art, meditation, communal experiences of lament today	reflecting on Jeremiah's message through digging into scripture, art reflection, letter writing, contemporary story
<b>Adult</b>	examining hope in God through word pictures, outreach project, and art reflection	pondering the value of lament through drama, guided meditation, and writing psalms	exploring faithfulness through art reflection, prayer, and letters of encouragement





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Date	October 17, 2010	October 24, 2010	October 31, 2010
<b>Liturgical date</b>	21st Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24 [29]	22nd Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25 [30]	Reformation Sunday
<b>Focus</b>	Ask Boldly, Live Justly	Just Worship	Transforming Welcome
<b>Lectionary readings</b> <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Jeremiah 31:27–34 Psalm 119: 97–104 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 <b>Luke 18:1–8</b>	Joel 2:23–32 Psalm 65 <b>Luke 18:9–14</b> 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18	Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4 Psalm 119:137–144 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12 <b>Luke 19:1–10</b>
<b>Worship emphases</b>	To voice our deep longings to God and, as the Body of Christ, respond to the persistent cries for justice in our world.	To worship as a community that celebrates everyone's equal worth in God.	To welcome the spirit of Christ in our midst and wonder how salvation is with us today.
<b>Congregational Life</b>	"The Corrupt Judge: A New Image" "Persistent Justice"	"Worship: Pilgrims in the Faith" "The 'Ins' and 'Outs' of Language"	"Salvation Here and Now" "The Power of Hospitality"
<b>Ages 3-5</b>	the importance of persistence explored through puppet, story, song, poster and <b>options</b> : ankle bracelet, prayer picture, puppets	God's inclusive love explored through puppet, story, hopscotch-a-prayer, song and <b>options</b> : mobile, worship mat, prayer chart	welcoming and accepting everyone explored through puppet, story, snack and <b>options</b> : sponge painting, welcome banner, activity sheet
<b>Ages 6-8</b>	learning to pray and work persistently with a justice mural, love reminders, and an outreach project	encouraging welcoming ways with invitations, worship shakers, and story puppets	celebrating life-changing friendship with a puzzle, puppet play, and paper clip craft
<b>Ages 9-11</b>	connecting prayer and action through music and movement, prayer ribbons, prayer engagement	exploring worshipful hearts through drawings, clay pots, braided/plaited bracelets	discovering transforming welcome through origami game, mural, God's Eyes
<b>Multiage</b> <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	learning about seeking justice through puppets, research, ribbon art, music, poster meditation, prayers for justice, and game	welcoming worshippers through puppets, drama, mobile, song, footprint prayer, worship invitations, and bracelets	learning about hospitality through interviews, research, paperclip friends, song, art mediation, practicing welcoming acts, and welcome banner
<b>Ages 12-14</b>	through the story of the persistent widow, learning to be persistent in prayer and seeking justice	through the story of the two worshippers, exploring the place of humility in the life of faith	exploring what it means to welcome and be welcomed through the story of Zacchaeus
<b>Ages 15-18</b>	exploring persistence and justice through digging into scriptures, writing litanies, justice projects	exploring attitudes of humility and respect through drama, story telling, clay modeling, poetry	investigating hospitality and welcome through character study, role play, service projects
<b>Adult</b>	considering persistent discipleship through drama, justice project, and mural making	learning more about humility through art response, drama, and writing a litany	engaging God's welcome through mapping activity, drama, and imaginative prayer





# This Season at a Glance (cont'd.)



Date	November 7, 2010	November 14, 2010	November 21, 2010
<b>Liturgical date</b>	24th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 27 [33]	25th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28 [34]	26th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 29 [35]
<b>Focus</b>	Hold On to Faith	Infinite Possibilities	Together in Christ
<b>Lectionary readings</b> <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Haggai 1:15b—2:9 Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21 or Psalm 98 Luke 20:27–38 <b>2 Thess 2:1–5, 13–17</b>	Isaiah 12 <b>Isaiah 65:17–25</b> Luke 21:5–19 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13	Jeremiah 23:1–6 Luke 1:68–79 Luke 23:33–43 <b>Colossians 1:11–20</b>
<b>Worship emphases</b>	To be encouraged through stories of faith to stand firm as God's people.	To be inspired by the infinite possibilities of Isaiah's vision and to partner with God and others to make this vision a reality.	To rejoice in the ways the spirit of Christ is reconciling all of creation to God.
<b>Congregational Life</b>	"2 Thessalonians: Terms and Theology" "Encouraging Leaders"	"Hope in Times of Despair" "About FACE"	"Visions of the Invisible" "Grace Cathedral"
<b>Ages 3-5</b>	comforting one another explored through puppet, song, story, role playing and <b>options:</b> comfort kit, paper hug, boo-boo bunny	sadness turned to happiness explored through puppet, game, song, story and <b>options:</b> crayon bundles, montage, fringed pictures	reviewing stories of Jesus explored through puppet, story, game, song and <b>options:</b> gift creating, Jesus' sandals, stained glass
<b>Ages 6-8</b>	gaining reassurance with a puzzle, comforting toy, and comfort hug	imagining the infinite possibilities of God's dream with music, window pictures, and loving baskets	remembering Jesus' way through spiral craft, exploration centres, and following Jesus footprints
<b>Ages 9-11</b>	recalling stories of God's love through Bible engagement, journal, story rock	holding up a vision of God's ways through paper lanterns, environmental exploration, art response	celebrating Jesus the Christ through symbols, acrostic poem, art engagement
<b>Multiage</b> <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	relying on God's care through before and after pictures, research, story rocks, music and movement, greeting cards, pocket reminders, and role plays	delighting in God's vision through game, poster conversation, montage, song, scripture meditation, boo-boo bunnies, and cooperative game	seeking God's reign through role play, research, stained glass, songs, acrostic poetry, review outreach options, and review game
<b>Ages 12-14</b>	exploring how stories of faith can provide encouragement by reflecting on a letter of Paul	connecting hopes and dreams to Isaiah's vision of peace and justice	considering the spiritual dimension of one's life and how it can be a foundation for how one chooses to live
<b>Ages 15-18</b>	exploring faith through story, tradition, art images, text messaging, skits	reflecting on God's vision of peace and justice through scripture study, current events, eco-justice activities	exploring images of Christ through scripture study, art images, slogans
<b>Adult</b>	exploring faith's encouragement through text marking, group process, and word magnets	pondering dynamics of hope and despair through art, spiral prayers, and word study	considering ways to know Christ through poetry, belief statements, and photography

