

GROWING IN GENEROSITY ROOTED IN FAITH

First Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

***Please stand as you are able.**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Lord GOD Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, Deliverer of your people, Father of your Anointed King, indeed your beloved Son, with whom you are well pleased: Blessed are you above all others! You alone deserve to be trusted. You alone deserve to be served. You alone deserve to be worshipped. There is no other God! Grant us grace this day, we pray, to trust in you fully, to serve you well, to worship you rightly, to serve you with fear, and to rejoice with trembling. Praise be to you, eternal Father of your Son, Anointed Son of your Father, Holy Spirit of them both, the one and only God forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude *“The Gift to Be Simple”* arr. Wood

Call to Worship

Our God, Creator and Sustainer of all life
instructs us to give generously and cheerfully.
 We come, giving the funds, time, and gifts God has given us
cheerfully and without hesitation or pressure,
 Trusting that in our upside-down life of the Gospel,
our wealth is measured not by what we have but what we give away.
 We give joyfully as an act of our faith trusting you great God,
to bless your church, your people, and your creation through our giving.

***Hymn** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* **GTG#14**

Call to Confession

Leader: We want to serve God, but sometimes our will is weak, and sometimes our hearts are not big enough. Hear now our prayer of confession:

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Eternal and Generous God, Every good gift comes from You. Your generosity is expressed best Through Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One, Who gave Himself for us. We acknowledge we often doubt Your willingness to give what we need. We do not ask. We do not seek. We do not knock. We think You don't want to be bothered Because we often don't want to be bothered By the needs of others. Forgive us for our lack of trust In Your generous nature. Forgive us for our lack of faith In Your sufficient supply. Forgive us for our lack of desire To give to others as You have given to us. Reorient our lives in Your way. Renew us for faithful service in Your Kingdom. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Lord you are the path of life, fullness of joy and pleasure forevermore, so we can be confident of the truth:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Passing the Peace of Christ—

Please stand, pass the peace with cupped hands and remain standing for the hymn.

***Praise and Worship** *“God of the Fertile Fields”* **GTG#714**
(Children Come Forward During Last Stanza)

A Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Beth

Offering Prayer/Collection

*“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”
(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Heavenly Father, thank You that You have given us all things richly to enjoy and that everything we have come from You. May we never be under the illusion that we can out-give Your over-abounding gift of grace.. in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. May I give faithfully, cheerfully and generously of my time, my talents and my money - and may the motive behind my giving be pure and ever open to Your scrutiny - this I ask in Jesus name, AMEN.

44 For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
2. For the won - der of each hour Of the day and
3. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
4. For the church that ev - er - more Lift - eth ho - ly

of the skies, For the love which from our birth
of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove,
hands a - bove, Of - fring up on ev - 'ry shore

O - ver and a - round us lies:
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
For all gen - tle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to
Her pure sac - ri - fice of love:

This tune in a higher key, No. 117.

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44 For the Beauty of the Earth

10 Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

5. For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:
Refrain

714 God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

10 boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

Glory to God 714
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714 God of the Fertile Fields

13 that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - ery-where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

GREAT GOD OF EVERY BLESSING

David Gambrell
AURELIA
Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

1. Great God of ev - 'ry bless - ing, of
2. Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the
3. Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the

faith - ful, lov - ing care, you are the fount of
source of end - less grace, in death and life ex -
light that guides our search, trans - form - ing bro - ken

good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share. How can we
tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace. In Christ we
peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church. For feed - ing

hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start—
are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part—
us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part—

sin - cere-ly and com-plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

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Announcements:

Session will meet Tuesday October 12th at 7 pm

CE will meet Monday October 25th at 4:40 pm

The Membership Committee is happy to announce our upcoming annual Low Country Boil. It will be held at the church on Sunday Oct 24th at 4:00pm. We'll have our typical fare of the Low Country Boil (shrimp, potatoes and sausage), cornbread muffins, slaw and desert. We'll position the tables so we can achieve social distancing and keep everyone safe. If you would like to attend, please let Vickie know as soon as possible. The cost will be \$8 per person, as it was in 2019. The 24th is just around the corner!

Missions Announcement:

Rev. Paul Sydnor, our sponsored missionary in France, will be here to speak November 21. He works with refugees from many parts of the Mediterranean world in need of everything, food, clothing, medical aid, and compassion from the Christian community. Mark the calendar for his visit with us.