

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Interim Organist
David Clark	Sound
Jackson Weller	Media
Jay Hayes	Liturgist
David Swann	Security, side door and offering
David Parris	Greeter
Leigh Blount and Joan Reynolds	Sunday School

We are delighted to have your children in worship, and they are welcome to remain in the sanctuary. However, if you prefer, we do provide a staffed nursery. Children K to 5th grade may attend our Young Disciples class that meets following the “Gloria Patri”. Their teachers will meet them at the door on the left side of the sanctuary. Childcare workers are experienced and have appropriate screening.

First Presbyterian Church

August 14, 2022

11 a.m.



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Office Hours: Tuesday—Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshipers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

If you do not have a church home you are always welcome to share our journey.

Invocation

O LORD, our God, God of the house of Jacob, God of the house of Israel, one God, the Father, one Lord, Jesus Christ: Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages. From you are all things and for you we exist. You are God, and there is no other; you are God, and there is none like you. You have borne us from before our birth and carried us from the womb. Carry us yet today. Bring near your righteousness and your salvation, that we may praise you, O LORD, that we may praise your name, O LORD, for you are good, and you have chosen us for yourself. Glory be to you, eternal Father, eternal Son, eternal Spirit, ever one. Amen.

Prelude

“Aria Tranquillo”

W.A. Mozart

*Call to Worship

Then the Lord came and stood there, calling.

Like the prophet Samuel, we reply to God, “Speak. Your servants are listening.”

And the Lord replied, “I am about to do something that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle!”

Almighty God, please show us your way. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to perceive your gracious work in our midst.

*Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us”

GTG#720

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: Children (K-5) have Sunday School during morning worship. Following the *Gloria Patri*, they should meet their teachers at the side door on the left side of the sanctuary. We have opted to give their teachers a little more time to complete their lesson plans.

Second Sunday is today. Please join us at Frank’s(1959 Memorial Drive) after worship for Dutch treat lunch. We will order from the menu and have a time of fellowship.

Christian Education Committee will meet Monday, August 15.

Youth Activities will be on Wednesday, August 17.

Choir Rehearsal will be on Thursday, August 18, at 4:30.

Missions Committee will meet on Sunday, August 21.

Blessings

by

Laura Story and Heather Sorenson

We pray for blessings. We pray for peace, comfort for family, protection while we sleep. We pray for healing, for prosperity. We pray for Your might hand to ease our suffering. And all the while, You hear each spoken need, yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.

REFRAIN: Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops? What if Your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near? What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear, and we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near. We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love, as if every promise from Your Word is not enough. And all the while, You hear each desperate plea, and long that we have faith to believe. **REFRAIN**

When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win, we know, the pain reminds this heart that this is not, this is not our home! This is not our home.

Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops? What if Your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near? What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life is a revealing of a great thirst this world can't satisfy?

What if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights, are mercies in disguise?

Amen.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Gracious God, we are called to be a joyful people, giving thanks for You and Your good gifts. There are times, however, when sin and sorrow grow, pushing joy to the side. We lose sight of Your grace, and instead fall into despair. We are consumed by loss, distracted by stuff, and crippled with fear. We focus on our lack, rather than Your love. Lift our eyes, Lord Jesus, and renew our joy in You. Remind us that: in Your sacrifice is our forgiveness, in Your death is our resurrection, in Your coming is our joy! Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Peace of Christ:

The Lord Be With You

And also with you.

Leader: Let us, the children of God, greet each other with signs of peace, peace of Christ to you!

Response

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end, Amen. Amen.

*Hymn

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

GTG#465

What a friend we have in Jesus

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

Remaining Verses Are On The Screen

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering Prayer

We thank You today for Your blessings that you bestow upon us all. Father, I pray for our congregation today. Lord, may we all give with gladness and sincerity. Father, no one ever gives a present to someone with reluctance and we should never give You what already belongs to You with reluctance either. Bless these tithes and offerings this day. We love You, Father! Amen

Offertory “Give Me Jesus” African American Spiritual, arr. Tom Fettke

Doxology

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Music Selection *“Blessings”* by Laura Story, arr. Heather Sorenson

*Scripture Psalm 77

Sermon *“The Struggling Times: Facing Illness, Loss and Grief”*

Affirmation of Faith **Isaiah 40:28-31**

An Affirmation of Faith may use a creed of the church, scripture, or statements of the Reformed heritage in the Book of Confession. The faith being affirmed is the faith of the whole ecumenical church—a faith that is catholic and orthodox as well as Reformed. An affirmation of faith is said in response to the Word proclaimed.

This we have come to know, this is what we have heard: the Eternal is an everlasting God,, Creator of heaven and earth,
 who does not grow weary or faint;
 whose wisdom is unsearchable,
 giving energy to the meek
 and strength to those who have none.

Even youths shall faint and grow weary, young athletes shall fall exhausted; but those who love the Lord Jesus and patiently put their trust in God,
shall renew their strength;
they shall soar with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

***Hymn of Response:** *"It Is Well With My Soul"* **GTG#840**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

The Sending brings our worship full circle. We have been gathered and shaped into a community, one body in Christ. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world. We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace—God's Word and sacraments.

Choral Benediction *“A Benediction of Peace”* by Heather Sorenson

Words of Dismissal

Deep peace of the Running Wave to you.

Deep peace of the Flowing Air to you.

Deep peace of the Quiet Earth to you.

Deep peace of the Shining Stars to you.

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Recessional Music	<i>"Postlude"</i>	H. Purcell
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(You are free to go while the recessional music is playing)