

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

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First Presbyterian Church

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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 worshippers 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

Lord, we come before your throne of grace not trusting in ourselves but in your marvelous and gracious love as it seeks expression among us. May we listen for your still, small voice as it speaks to us today and as it boldly proclaims the undeniable reality of your love that will not let us go. Stir our hearts and our imaginations that we may see beyond appearances of what is to the reality of what can be. In the name and spirit of the holy child, Jesus our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Prelude *"In Quiet Praise "*

*Call to Worship

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.**

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place...

People: **Who are we that you are mindful of us?**

Leader: Creator of Heaven and Earth, thank You for creating us and loving us in a way that knows no limits.

People: **We acknowledge You as Lord and praise You for all of creation.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, we welcome You in this time of praise and worship.

People: **Please, Lord, shape us and mold us into the disciples of Jesus Christ that You are calling us to be.**

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.

Session Meeting Tuesday, August 9 in the Westminster Room at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Activities will be on Wednesday August 10.

Choir Rehearsal Thursday, August 11, at 4:30.

Christian Education Committee will meet Monday, August 15, 2022.

***Hymn** *"Let The Whole Creation Cry"*

GTG#679

COMMUNION LITURGY

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord of blessings be with you.

The Lord be with you, also.

Be glad and rejoice, God's people, lifting your hearts to the restorer of lives.

We offer them to the God who clothes us in grace.

People of God, come to the Table where you shall eat and be satisfied.

With shouts of joy, we gather to praise the name of God!

(Pastor Continues)

With those who lifted thanks by crossed rivers,
with those who offered gratitude for simple gifts,
we join our voice in praising your name:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of wonder and delight.

All creation is filled with your joy.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes to clothes us in grace.

Hosanna in the highest!

(Pastor Continues)

As we give thanks for his life and death,
as we shout with joy for his resurrection,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, the righteousness for all.

Christ was raised, the resurrection for all.

Christ will return, the fulfillment for all.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it – but surely, not us).

Forgive us, Presence of Peace.

Instead of grumblers,

may we be ambassadors of grace.

Instead of continual complaining,

may we carry compassion to the hurting.

Instead of whiners,

**may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.

Time for Young Disciples

(Children through 4th Grade should leave for Sunday School. Their teachers will wait for them at the side door at the left of the sanctuary)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering Prayer

It would too easy to hoard all the blessings which are ours, God of this holy season. Yet, you call us to simply give a portion back to you, so that others might be fed by your hope, children might be sheltered in warm homes, and the broken might be made whole. Receive our gifts, as well as our hearts, we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior Amen.

Offertory *“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

Doxology

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn** *“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”* **GTG#661**

Scripture **Psalms 148, Matthew 6:24-34**

Sermon *“Bless to Me: Call to Serenity”*

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

Communion Anthem *“Come to the Table of Grace”* by David Angerman/Douglas Nolan

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Elements are Served

Music during Communion

“Let Us Break Bread Together” African American Spiritual, arr. Tom Fettke

“Just As I Am”, Without One Plea” by William Bradbury, arr. Cindy Berry

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

Prayer After Communion

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.

Benediction

May the everlasting God shield you,
east and west and wherever you go.
And the blessing of God be upon us.
The blessing of the God of life.
The blessing of Christ be upon us,
the blessing of the Christ of love.
The blessing of the Spirit be upon us,
the blessing of the Spirit of grace.
The blessing of the Trinity be upon us.
Now and forevermore. Amen.

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Recessional Music *“Rondeau”* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

(You are free to go while the recessional music is playing)