Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart Minister of Word and Sacrament

Ashley Stanley-Robey Music Director

Patricia Taylor Interim Organist

David Parris Sound

Ray Beale Liturgist

C. B Strange Security, side door and offering

David Clark Greeter

Harriet Beale 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

September 11, 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

Our Father, to whom belongs our adoration and praise, we ask that you will prepare us, through the presence of your Spirit, to come before you worthily and to ask of you rightly. May all who worship with us this day present their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to you. Shed your light on our human understanding, cleanse our desires and motives, stir our wills to obedience to your Word. Direct that your name might be exalted this hour in this assembly. May our worship glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

"Captivate My Heart"

T. MacAlmon

Call to Worship

L:Bless the Lord, O my soul!

C: And bless his holy name.

L: People of God, you have heard what is the greatest commandment:

C: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength and your neighbor as yourself!

L: Following the saints of all times, let us dedicate our hearts and souls to God and renew our part of the Holy Covenant.

L: Holy God,

C: Kindle in us the desire to seek you with every fiber of our being and the will to live out our calling in good times and in bad times.

*Hymn

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

GTG#629

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Sunday Please join us at Frank's Italian Restaurant for a time of food and fellowship after worship. The address is 1959 Memorial Drive.

Tuesday—Handbell Choir 5 p.m. **Session** 7 p.m.

Wednesday—Youth Activities 6 p.m.

Thursday—Choir Rehearsal 5 p.m.

Presbyterian Women will resume tomorrow, September 12. Day Circle will meet at 12:30 in the Westminster Classroom. The Evening Circle will meet at the home of Bernadine Hayes,245 Linden Dr. All are invited. This is a perfect time to join circle.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study will resume Saturday, September 24th, at 8 a.m. We will be diving into The Story, looking at God's Word from beginning to end making sure that we are building our faith on a firm foundation. We will meet in the Westminster Room(Please bring breakfast for this first meeting, and we will work out logistics for ordering breakfast for later meetings.)

Low Country Boil will be held on September 28th, at 6 p.m. Reservations will be taken and tickets purchased beginning Sunday, September 18,2022.

The flowers that enhance our worship are given in loving memory of my wonderful mom, Florence Rochford by Jackie Rochford

Fill All My Life

Original text by Horatius Bonar | Music by Fred and Ruth Coleman

Fill all my life, O Lord, my God, fill every part with praise,

That my whole being may proclaim Your being and Your ways.

Not just with lips of praise, O Lord, or just a praising heart,

I ask but for a life made up of praise, of praise in every part.

Fill every part of me with praise, O Lord.

Let all my being speak of You and of Your love.

Though I am poor and weak, receive the glory due Your name!

You are Almighty, You are Creator,
You are my Savior and the Keeper of my soul.

Turn every fearful doubt and care into a joyful song;

And on the winding path of life, sustaining grace prolong.

Free every moment day and night from sinful thoughts and deeds;

Oh, make my life, with every step, reflect Your love in me;

Oh, make my life, with every step I take, reflect Your love in me.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

I humbly hand over my heart to You, and I say, "Lord, here's my heart, search me and know me, show me anything in my life that is keeping me from being as close as I can be with You."

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24 NIV)

Lord, as I come before You and dwell in Your presence, will You show me what You want me to see? Will You let me hear what You are speaking over me? Will You teach me how to be trustworthy, that I may grow to be trusted by You? I want to see You, Lord.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

"For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs." (Zephaniah 3:17 NLT)

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 ages 4 through Grade 5 may exit with their teachers for a time of learning and celebration.

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 Doxology

"Bradbury"

arr. E. Broughton

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "Fill All My Life" by Fred and Ruth Coleman

Scripture Romans 13:11-12

Sermon "Living in the Presence of God"

Affirmation of Faith

Why were we created?

Human beings were God's crowning achievement in creation. We alone are made in God's image, after his likeness. Our creation alone was prefaced with the transcript of God's consultation within himself: "Let us make man in our image." For the creation of everything else Scripture simply records God's words, "Let there be ... and it was so." But man and woman were different. We were designed and commissioned by God with a special assignment in creation: to display God. As the early church father Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is man fully alive, and the life of man is the vision of God."

(Westminster Shorter Catechism Explained)

Let us Pray:

Great God of the Universe, To be created in your image and made for your glory is an inconceivable wonder, an inestimable privilege! Help me to grasp the special dignity that you have given to me as your image-bearer. Help me to display your glory in my life today. Amen.

*Hymn "As the Dear" GTG#626

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.

Words of Dismissal

Choral Benediction "A Benediction of Peace" Heather Sorenson

Recessional Music "How Firm a Foundation" arr. L. Smith

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