

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
Eddie Blount	Sound
Randy Brooks	Liturgist
Susan Mathena	Security, side door and offering
David Clark	Greeter
Leigh Blount and Brenna Takata	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 18, 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 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

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

Invocation

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and also that by you, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Prelude *"Consecrated, Lord to Thee"* arr. D.E.Wagner

*Call to Worship

This day is a gift from God;

And a day to reflect, to offer thanks, to seek the good.

This time is a pause from the fever of life;

A time to be with one another, knit into community by God.

So let us sing, and listen, and pray, and feast.

And let us worship God.

***Hymn** *"O God in Whom All Life Begins"* **GTG#308**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday—Missions Committee 9 a.m.

Monday—Christian Education Committee 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday—Dayschool Committee 4 p.m., **Handbell Choir** 5 p.m.

Wednesday—Youth Activities 6 p.m.

Thursday—Choir Rehearsal 5 p.m.

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 (\$ 8) beginning today in Dunglinson Roberts Hall.

Simple Praise
By Craig Courtney/Pamela Martin

For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound;
For the unfolding seasons, the earth spinning round.
For the birth of each sunrise, for the sky set ablaze;
For these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

Simple praise for the Giver, and thanks to the One
who has given us breath and given His Son.
To the Giver of blessings for all of our days,
For these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

For the love of a mother, for the touch of a hand;
For the deeper emotions we can't understand.
For the lessons we learn from the trials we face;
For these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

The heart of the Giver, the hand of the One
from whom every blessing of living has come;
for measureless mercy and limitless grace,
for these simple gifts we give simple praise.

(First two stanzas repeat)

For these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! 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 ages 4 through Grade 5 may exit with their teachers for a time of learning and celebration.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering Prayer

Faithful Father, thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Offertory and Doxology “*He is Exalted*” Twila Paris, arr. C. Tornquist

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem “*Simple Praise*” C. Courtney and P. Martin

Scripture **2 Timothy 4-7-8**

Sermon “Simplify Your Life: A Life Fully Lived for Christ”

Hymn “*O Jesus, I Have Promised*” **GTG#724**

Affirmation of Faith

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.

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing. We follow Jesus, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us. We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

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.

Charge to the Congregation

Postlude Music “*Toccata in C*” J.S. Bach

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

Benediction