

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	Organist
David Parris	Sound
Nancy Clayton	Liturgist
Kathy Dolianitis	Security, side door and offering
David Swann	Greeter
Leigh Blount and Brenna Takata	Sunday School

First Presbyterian Church

October 23, 2022

11 a.m.



MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

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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

Prelude "Sinfonia" J.S. Bach

Invocation [Numbers 11, Psalm 106, 1 Corinthians 14]

O LORD our God, the God of Israel, the Father of Jesus Christ, the sender of your Holy Spirit, Lord of your church: to you be all praise and thanksgiving, all faith and obedience, all glory and honor, and steadfast love that endures forever. Put your Holy Spirit on us today, we pray, and so lead us to worship you properly, as you deserve and desire to be worshiped, with faith, praise, and love, with preaching and hearing, with glory and thanksgiving, and with justice and righteousness. Praise be to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, you are welcome in the presence of God, no matter what has happened in your life.

People: We worship the God who sees the end from the beginning and already knows the outcome of every situation.

Leader: People of God, you are welcome in the presence of God, no matter how you look.

People: We rejoice to know that God looks beyond good looks or accomplishments, wealth or social connections; God sees the heart.

Leader: No matter who we are or how life has treated us...

All: We are all welcome in God's house!

***Hymn** "All Are Welcome" GTG#301

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUESDAY: Bell Choir meets at 5 p.m.

THURSDAY: Bible Study continues at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY: Congregational Meeting to elect officers and approve the pastor's terms of call

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God,
and in honor of those with an October birthday
by Joyce Perez*

Down to the River to Pray with Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Traditional Spiritual | Ken Medema

Arranged by Mary McDonald

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

Chorus: O Lord, listen to your children prayin'. O Lord, send your Spirit in this
place.

O Lord, listen to your children prayin', send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,

When the people of the Lord get down to pray.

A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a tumblin' down,

When the people of the Lord get down to pray.

O children, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O children, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

(Chorus Repeats)

I went down to the river to pray.

Litany Seeking Forgiveness

"Jesus said, 'Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.' ... Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." Luke 12:15, 21

We come before our God, who is full of compassion, to ask forgiveness and mercy.

When in our excesses we consume more than our share while others go with basic needs unmet:

Forgive us, merciful God.

When we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern:

Forgive us, merciful God.

When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need:

Forgive us, merciful God.

When possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love:

Forgive us, merciful God.

Assurance of Pardon

One: God's love—shown to us through Jesus—is greater than our shortcomings. The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purifies our conscience from dead works to worship the living God.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering

Gracious and loving God, as a community of faith we share these gifts. We pray that you will bless them, and bless us, as we are the hands of Christ that build your kingdom. We pray that they will bring honor and glory to you as we work together in love. We pray that they will bring comfort and blessing to the needy and oppressed. And we pray that they will be a light to guide all to a closer relationship with you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Offertory *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”* Kirkpatrick, arr. Berry

Doxology

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *“Down to the River to Pray”* with *“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”*
Men’s Quartet

Scripture **Luke 12:15**

Sermon *“Enough: Cultivating Contentment”*

Stewardship Affirmation

We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace—God’s Word and sacraments.

Closing Hymn “Jesus Calls Us” GTG# 720

Charge to the Congregation

Postlude	<i>"All Glory to Our God on High"</i>	J.G. Walther
	(Please Remain Seated)	

Benediction

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Contentment Is Key

Do you have a tough time separating “wants” from “needs”? Do you sometimes feel consumed by the desire to have more? Do you ever look at your surroundings and feel overwhelmed by the sheer volume of things? When is enough, enough?