Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Tom Norwood Minister of Word and Sacrament

Ashley Stanley-Robey Music Director

Patricia Taylor Organist

David Clark Sound

Brenna Takata Liturgist

Ray Beale Security, side door and offering

Barbara Wilkins Greeter

Rebecca and Chris Moore Sunday School

Joyce Perez and David Clark Communion

First Presbyterian Church

November 6, 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

Prelude "Faith of Our Fathers" arr. L. Smith

Invocation

Lord, into your most holy presence we now come. Calm our anxious spirits. Remove the distractions that would keep us from you here today. Break down the walls of separation that we have built to keep you from our hardened hearts. Lead us in joy and celebration of the only reality worth knowing, that you love us as we are. Free us for joyful obedience to your claim and call on our lives this day and every day. Amen."

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 "Here I Am, Lord" GTG#69

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY (11/7) Evening Circle at the home of Harriet Beale,

129 Westmoreland Court at 7p.m.

TUESDAY(11/8) Bell Choir meets at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (11/9) Youth Activities at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY(11/10) Bible Study continues at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsal at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY (11/13) Consecration Sunday.

Second Sunday Lunch at Mayflower.

MONDAY(11/14) Day Circle will meet at 12:30.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Barrett

by Ava Barrett

Communion Liturgy

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With all of creation And all the saints and angels, We offer you back our breath As we join the universe in praise:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

With thanksgiving for your providence in Christ, we keep these mysteries, proclaiming the faith in all we do as our sacrifice of praise: **Dying you destroyed our death**Rising you restored our life Lord Jesus, come in glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Out of your abundance you have fed us what we need, sparing none of your good gifts in Jesus Christ. Now may we live as you taught us to pray, saying . . . **THE LORD'S PRAY-ER**

Music during Communion

"Deep River" African American Spiritual, arr. C Berry

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart" with "Of Breath of Life"

F.C. Atkinson,

Praying for Generosity

Lord, your word tells us that there is great good in godliness combined with contentment; that as we brought nothing into this world, so we can take nothing out of it. Help us, dear Lord, to be content with what we have; to seek heavenly treasures rather than those things of this world which rust corrodes and moths consume. Grant that we might be people who share the wealth that you have provided; that we might be ones who share both the bread and wine of earth and the bread and wine of heaven...

In the quiet time of reflection, may we be open to hearing your call to generous giving and generous living ...

Silent Prayers

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 Peace of Christ to You **And also to you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, greet each other with signs of peace.

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

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. Let us give away generously, in this offering, To bless your church, your people, your creation.

~ written by Rev. Quentin Chin

Offertory "This is My Father's World" F. Sheppard, arr. C. Berry

Doxology

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" by Ipolitoff-Ivanoff

Scripture OT: Exodus 36:2-7 and NT: I Timothy 6:3-9

Sermon "Keeping Our Priorities Straight"

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion Hymn "Seek Ye First" GTG#175

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving See Communion Liturgy

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Please come forward via the center aisle and return by the side aisles. There will be receptacles near the beginning of the pews for disposing of your cup).

Prayer After Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

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

Charge to the Congregation

Postlude in G Minor" J.S. Bach

(Please Remain Seated)

Benediction