

# Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Welcome** to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

## SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
Sam Meadema	Sound
Bernadine Hayes	Liturgist
David Clark	Security, side door and offering
Linda Copeland	Greeter
Leigh Blount and Ava Barrett	Sunday School
Team 2	Wednesday Night Dinner

# First Presbyterian Church

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# 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.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**                      *"In Faith I Quiet Wait "*                      J.S. Bach

### INVOCATION

Everlasting Father, thank you for your faithfulness throughout the generations. By faith, we see your mighty hand in creation and in the lives of your people throughout history. By faith, your children have followed you through the wilderness. By faith, your people have called out to you for peace and mercy. By faith in Jesus, your children have been rescued from sin. Help us to have faith in your promises. Help us to fix our eyes on you as we run the race of life. Help us to walk by faith and not by sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                      (Inspired by Romans 12:2, John 17:14-19)

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,  
**and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**  
We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,  
**we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.**  
God has called us together,  
**God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.**

In this time together,  
**may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,**  
allowing us to see deeper, helping us to live in the world while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.  
**We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**HYMN**                      *"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"*                      **GTG#829**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (1/29)                      There will be congregational meeting following the service to receive the annual report and a discussion about a flooring project sanctuary and day school wings.

Tuesday (1/30)                      Handbell Choir at 5 p.m.  
Women meet for dinner at 6p.m. Place TBA.

Wednesday (2/1)                      Youth Activities and Wednesday night dinner at 6 p.m.

Thursday (2/2)                      Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
Choir rehearsal at 5 p.m.

**Condolences are offered to the family of Mary Ina Ingram who died on January 17, 2023**

**Condolences are also offered to John David Parris, Sr. on the death of his brother Kenny.**

***“For Where Love Is, There Is God”***

**By Douglas E. Wagner**

**Text by Charlotte Lee (Adapted from Ubi Caritas et amor, 9 th century)**

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God.

Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is there is God.

Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred Word,

Sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God,

And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God.

Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways.

Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, for where love is, there is God.

For where love is, there is God.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we first confess our reluctance to confess! You offer wonderful gifts of cleansing and healing, yet we pretend that we do not need them. You offer forgiveness, renewal, reconciliation, and peace, but we try to make it on our own. Lord, have mercy upon us! Take away our sinful pride by which we deny our prideful sin, take away our sinful self-pity by which we wallow in our pitiful sin, and set us free both to confess our sin and to be cleansed of it. Forgive and heal us, we pray, in the name of your son Jesus Christ, who takes our infirmities and bears our diseases.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus says,

“Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of living water.”

## **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with blessings and remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

### **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.*

## **A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

(Children through Grade 5 may leave with their teachers for Sunday School).

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you have plans for me that are for my good and your glory. You said, "Give, and it will be given to you; for in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again." We give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name, Amen.

**OFFERTORY**                      *"His Eye is On the Sparrow"*                      C. Gabriel/C. Martin

## DOXOLOGY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

<b>ANTHEM</b>	"For Where Love Is, There Is God"	Douglas Wagner
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## SCRIPTURE John 4:43-54

**SERMON** *“The Steps of Faith”*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.**

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN:** *"Faith Begins by Letting Go"* **GTG#684**

## ***INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP***

**POSTLUDE**                      “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Alone”                      D. Forrest

## ***BENEDICTION***