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. Carl Utley Peaks Presbytery

Ashley Stanley-Robey Music Director

Patricia Taylor Organist

C.B. Strange Sound

Jackson Weller Liturgist

Eddie Blount Security, side door and offering

David Parris Greeter

Leigh Blount and Brenna Takata Sunday School

Team 3 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 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.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "O Lord, Thou Art My God and King" E. Broughton

INVOCATION

(Deuteronomy 7, Psalm 145, 2 Corinthians 1-2)

O LORD our God, the faithful God, our God and King, Father of your Son Jesus Christ, Giver of your Holy Spirit: We glorify you and praise your name, for you set your love on us and chose us, to be a people for your treasured possession. You keep covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments, to a thousand generations. Grant us grace, we pray, to extol you and to praise your name forever and ever. O God, even as we feebly worship you today, may you mightily establish us in Christ, anoint us, put your seal on us, and give us your Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee! Glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever! Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

This morning, God, we want everything to be for your glory.

We want our thoughts, our words, our songs, our church, our community, our resources, our time, our lives-- all to be for you.

Everything ours is yours.

We come together to declare this to be so, on this Sunday, your holy day.

Bless our time together with your holy presence, Amen

HYMN "Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"

GTG#395

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday (2/14) Bell Choir at 5 p.m.

Ladies Night Out Supper at 6 p.m.

Wednesday (2/15) Youth Activities from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper at 6 p.m.

Thursday (2/16) Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

Saturday (2/17) Memorial Service for Rev. Jerry Broschart at 1 p.m.

Sunday (2/19) Confirmation classes begin following worship

"We Are the Lord's"

Unison Choir and Organ (option viola or cello)

Lyrics by Karl J. P. Spitta | translation Charles T. Astley

Londonderry Aire | arrangement Roland E. Martin

We are the Lord's. His all-sufficient merit, sealed on the cross to us this grace accords. We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit; Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's. Then let us gladly tender
Our souls to him in deeds, not empty words.
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's. No darkness brooding o'er us
Can make us tremble while this star affords
A steady light along the path before us:
Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's.

We are the Lord's. No evil can befall us
In the dread hour of life's fast-loos'ning cords;
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.
Death shall be vanquished, for we are the Lord's.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We gather as God's people, believing the promises fulfilled in Christ. We do not need to confess out of dread or fear, but in trust that God is faithful to forgive us and make us new. Join me as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Who pours out freely the gift of Your Holy Spirit: We confess before You that we have failed to recognize this most valuable gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of unfamiliar things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse and forgive us, O Lord. Burn away our presumption and self-sufficiency. Open us in faith to receive the renewing touch of Your hand. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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 God's 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 5th Grade should join their teachers at the side door)

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

"Nothing Between"

Charles Tindley

The hymn "Nothing Between" was written by Charles Tindley (1851-1933), born in Maryland to an enslaved father and free mother. Upon his father's untimely death, Charles' maternal aunt adopted him to protect his freedom. Tindley taught himself to read and write. With his wife, Daisy Henry, Charles moved to Philadelphia in 1875 where he worked as a sexton (custodian) for East Bainbridge Street Church. Meanwhile, he took correspondence courses to become a Methodist minister - eventually serving as East Bainbridge's pastor in 1902.

The lyrics of "Nothing Between" remind us that we are called to be the face of Christ to every person we encounter. We cannot let habits, traditions, friends, or self block the love of Christ from radiating out of us. "Nothing between my soul and the Savior, so that His blessed face may be seen; nothing preventing the least of His favor: keep the way clear! Let nothing between."

Nothing between my soul and the Savior, Naught of this world's delusive dream; I have renounced all sinful pleasure; Jesus is mine, there's nothing between.

Nothing between my soul and the Savior, So that His blessed face may be seen; Nothing preventing the least of His favor, Keep the way clear! Let nothing between.

Nothing between, like worldly pleasure; Habits of life, though harmless they seem, Must not my heart from Him e'er sever; He is my all, there's nothing between.

Nothing between, like pride or station; Self-life or friends shall not intervene; Though it may cost me much tribulation, I am resolved; there's nothing between.

Nothing between, e'en many hard trials, Though the whole world against me convene; Watching with prayer and much self-denial, I'll triumph at last, with nothing between.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "We Are the Lord's" Spitta and Martin

SCRIPTURE John 5:10-24

SERMON "He Keeps on Keeping On"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: "Lord, of all Good" GTG#711

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE "Nun danket alle Gott" A.W. Leupold

BENEDICTION

The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the Glory of God and in honor of those who attend First Presbyterian Church by Sally and David Clark