

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
Eddie Blount	Sound
Kathy Dolianitis	Liturgist
Sam Meadema	Security, side door and offering
David Parris	Greeter
Rebecca and Chris Moore	Sunday School
Team 1	Wednesday Night Dinner

First Presbyterian Church

February 26, 2023

11 a.m.



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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Meditation”

by William Melton

INVOCATION

(Isaiah 46, Psalm 115, 1 Corinthians 16)

O LORD our God, whose very name is glorious, who possesses steadfast love and faithfulness, who resides in the heavens and does all that you please: You alone are our help and our shield, therefore we fear you and trust you. Remember us today, we pray, and bless us. Grant us grace to worship you rightly. Open our lips to sing your praises, and do not let us go down into silence. Let us bless you, O LORD, from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, to whom alone worship is due. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD

Unison: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made

Unison: let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

HYMN

“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY (2/26)

Congregational Meeting following worship to accept the annual report and to discuss flooring project.

Tuesday (2/28)

Bell Choir at 5 p.m.

Ladies Night Out Supper at 6 p.m.

Wednesday (3/1)

Youth Activities from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner, 6 p.m., Team 1

Holden Devotional Service following Dinner

Thursday (3/2)

Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

Sunday (3/5)

Confirmation Class following worship

Condolences are offered to Barbara Wilkins and family on the death of her Mother on February 19, 2023.

NOTHING BETWEEN

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 con-
vene; Watching with prayer and much self-denial, I'll triumph at last, with nothing
between.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 should meet their teachers at the door for Children in Worship)

OFFERING PRAYER:

God of abundant love, in you, nothing is lost. Gather our offerings, as Jesus gathered up the baskets of leftover food. Gather our efforts, as Jesus gathered the hopes of the people who looked for a true king. Gather our service, as Jesus gathered people to God’s heavenly banquet. Bless the offerings we have gathered, that nothing may be lost. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Canon” Pachelbel, arr. H. Hopson

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

John 6:22–40

SERMON

“The Bread of Life”

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:

“Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

“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 flowers that enhance our worship are given
to the Glory of God and
in honor of Judy Small, my loving sister,
by Jackie Rochford.*