

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

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| Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart | Minister of Word and Sacrament |
| Ashley Stanley-Robey | Music Director |
| Patricia Taylor | Organist |
| Ray Beale | Sound |
| Jay Hayes | Liturgist |
| CB Strange | Security, side door and offering |
| Barry Cutright | Greeter |
| Kathy Dolianitis and Loraine Willeford | Sunday School |

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Pie Jesu"
("Blessed Jesus" from *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré), arr. D.L. Sanders

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Let us worship.

People: Teach us Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in Your truth; give us undivided hearts to revere Your name.

Leader: We give thanks to You, O Lord our God, and we will glorify Your name forever.

People: For Your love is great towards us; ...You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!

INVOCATION

O LORD our God, the living God, whose Spirit gives life, and whose Son, Jesus Christ, is our Lord: You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. O LORD, have pity on your servants! Satisfy us this morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let your favor, O LORD our God, be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands. Glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Tuesday (3/21) | Bell Choir at 5 p.m. Ladies Night Out Supper at 6 p.m. |
| Wednesday (3/22) | Youth Activities from 6 to 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday (3/23) | Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m. |
| Saturday (3/25) | Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. |
| Sunday (3/26) | Confirmation Class following worship. |

"Pie Jesu"
("Blessed Jesus" from *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré)
arr. C. Dobrinski

Gabriel Fauré composed his *Requiem* in D minor, Opus 48 from 1887-1890. He worked on revising the composition for ten years, declaring it officially finished in 1900. It was written for mixed chorus, pipe organ, and orchestra. A complete performance takes about thirty-five minutes. When asked about the inspiration for this work, the composer said it was filled with, "a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest." This movement has become the most famous *Pie Jesu* in the world. Camille Saint-Saens was quoted as saying, "Just as Mozart's is the only 'Ave verum corpus', this is the only 'Pie Jesu'."

The Latin text 'pie Jesu' translates to 'blessed Jesus;' it is part of a longer mass section, the 'Dies irae'. The full phrase is translated below.

Latin: Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem sempiternam.
English: Pious Jesus, Lord, grant them rest everlasting.
Contemporary English: Blessed Lord Jesus, give them everlasting rest.

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful to those who come to God. Come, seek the loving presence and be healed. 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 come forward for a blessing as they leave with their teachers)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

There are many signs we claim for our faith but ultimately it is our active love that reveals who we worship. As the plate comes around commit to give of your whole selves. Give of your talents and material possessions to the Church with the expectation that they be used to further God’s dream for our world. Please commit yourself and give as you’re able.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We return these gifts to you and relinquish our control over them, O God, that you may use them beyond us, beyond this place, and beyond self-interest that your love may abound in the flourishing of every living thing you have entrusted to us.

OFFERTORY

"Behold the Lamb of God"by H. Hopson

Behold the Lamb of God;

the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Behold the Lamb of God.

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

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31–34, John 7:53–8:11 (ESV)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Go and Sin No More”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

HYMN:

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

“Chorale Postlude”

R. Wilson

BENEDICTION

The flowers that enhance our worship are given
in honor of all of the many healthcare workers
by Fae Smith and family.