## **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

David Parris Sound

Becky Meadema Liturgist

Barry Cutright Security, side door and offering

David Swann Greeter

Kathy Dolianitis and Lorraine Willeford Sunday School

## **First Presbyterian Church**

May 14, 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 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Kirkpatrick/Keveren

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our Way: you call us to celebrate your peace in a world which worships war

To celebrate your freedom In the face of oppression

To celebrate the seed of faith planted in the doubts of our hearts

Our Life: you would have us celebrate the safe ground of hope

**Emerging from the flood of our tears** 

Celebrate those who love us

In the midst of hurt and hatred

Celebrate our salvation

Even as we struggle with sin

Our Truth: you teach us to celebrate our new life

in the gift of the Risen Lord

To celebrate the grace of your heart

Which melts our fears

To celebrate that all our moments

Are cradled in your hands.

ALL: Our Way, our Truth, our Life

#### INVOCATION

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tuesday (5/16) Bell Choir at 5 p.m.

**Ladies Night Out Supper** at 6 p.m. **Hughes Home** Foundation Meeting

Wednesday (5/17) Low County Boil at 6 p.m.

Tickets on sale following worship

**Thursday (5/18) Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

Saturday (5/20) Abukloi School Neighborhood Gathering

Raleigh Court Presbyterian (Roanoke) at 11 a.m.

The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the Glory of God and in honor and remembrance of all mothers by the Takata family

# The Ashgrove Gloria Traditional tune, arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952) Text by Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

To God be the glory, all glory in the highest and peace to his people who dwell here below Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our sovereign to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow

We worship and adore you, we bow here before you with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise
All glory and honour and glad adoration
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise

Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb The sin of the world you have taken upon you Have mercy upon us, the Great I AM

For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us The Lord in the highest, the Holy One All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit From ages everlasting, the Three in One

About the Anthem: Malcolm Archer arranged this familiar tune for voice with keyboard accompaniment. Archer is a well-known church musician in the United Kingdom, having served as organist or music director at Norwich, Bristol, Wells, and St. Paul's cathedrals. He also directed chapel music and choirs at Winchester College for over a decade. Archer has published over 250 pieces of music. He likely collaborated with the American writer, arranger, and composer Mark Schweizer in the early 1990s when he spent a lot of time in the United States.

Mark Schweizer was a composer, arranger, music editor, and librettist in North Carolina until his death a few years ago. He was also a music professor, bass-baritone singer, and a prolific writer of mysteries involving liturgically aligned characters (the St. Germaine series). Possibly most impressively, Schweizer wrote libretti for operas by Shepherd and Cooman.

#### HYMN

#### "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

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#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

If it was easy to follow Jesus, we would not need to ask for forgiveness. But it is tough - tough to say 'yes,' tough to be graceful, tough to be loving. Yet whatever we do, God loves us enough to forgive us and to feed us with the Bread of Life. Let us pray together, saying,

#### UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you." – Isaiah 44:22

#### 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)

#### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. Every time we perceive our abundance and give out of it, we engage in an act of resistance against the forces of scarcity, cynicism, and hopelessness about the possibilities for the world around us. Let us resist, give, and participate in God's transformation of us and our world.

#### 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** 

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Lafferty/Bock

**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** "The Ashgrove Gloria" arr. M. Archer/text by M. Schweizer

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:3–8, John 14:1–14 (ESV)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God,** 

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on 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 Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

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**HYMN** "To God Be the Glory"

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP** 

POSTLUDE "Ode to Joy" Beethoven/Renfrow

**BENEDICTION**