

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
Ray Beale	Liturgist
Sam Meadema	Security, side door and offering
David Swann	Greeter
Rebecca and Chris Moore	Sunday School

First Presbyterian Church

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Lift High the Cross”* Kitchin/Newbolt, arr. Dobrinski

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.

Happy are those who live in your courts—

those who are satisfied with the goodness

of your house and your holy temple.

You are the hope of all things, Holy One,
from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

You make the gateways of the evening

and the morning shout for joy.

Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

Let us shout and sing together for joy.

INVOCATION

We give you thanks for all the ways that you bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you and hearing your word. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as you created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday (5/23)

Ladies Night Out Supper at 5 p.m.

Wednesday (5/24)

Youth Group at 6 p.m.

Thursday (5/25)

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

Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

Saturday (5/27)

Saturday Lunch Program

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given
to the Glory of God
and in honor of the congregation
by the Blount Family*

Let There Be Peace on Earth

By Sy Miller (1908-1971) and Jill Jackson (1913-1995)
Arranged for handbells by Cynthia Dobrinski (1950-2021)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God, our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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About the Anthem: This folk song has become an American classic that people of all generations recognize. It started from a place of darkness – near the end of World War II, Jill Jackson suffered from a life-threatening depression. When she began to recover, she realized that she was loved eternally by God (regardless of her mental or physical state) and that meant her life had purpose. She discovered a love of writing, and a few years later she married Sy Miller (1949). Jill and Sy wrote this song together for a young people’s retreat in California in 1955. They described the song as spreading “virally” (in the pre-internet sense). As people shared it with each other, it spread across the globe, reaching all fifty states, Maori tribes in New Zealand, and many African nations.

HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Our hearts long for God, and we know we fall short of God’s glory, so let us now confess to God the ways we have individually and collectively fallen short of God’s Grace. Please pray with me...

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Lord, you know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When those thoughts, beliefs, ideas and beings turn from you, we long to be placed back on Your path. We pray that our lives might be a never-ending offering to you, and that our sin might lead to more ways to learn and grow closer to your hopes for us. Cleanse us of our sin; turn our thoughts and feet ever toward Your Way. We pray this together in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.

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 and teachers should come forward for a blessing)

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.

*We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation:
weaving a tapestry of compassion and action,
faith and fellowship, hope and wholeness.
We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation,
And we affirm our lives within it.*

Wesley/Bock

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" Jackson/Miller, Dobrinski

Joel 2:28–32, John 14:15–31

“Peace I Leave With You”

BENEDICTION