

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.

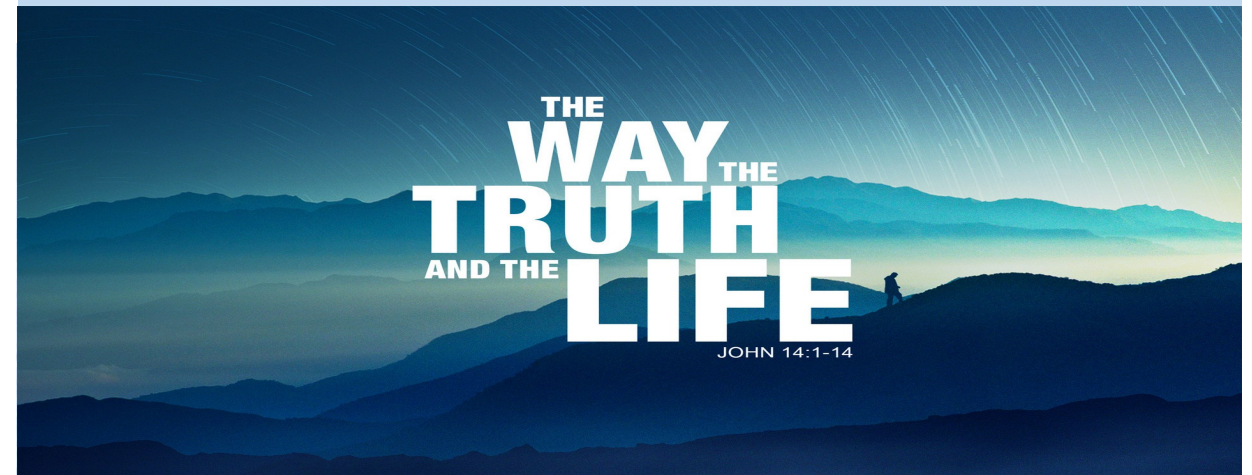
SERVING TODAY

Jackson Weller	Minister of Discipleship
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
David Clark	Sound
Randy Brooks	Liturgist
Kathy Dolianitis	Security, side door and offering
David Swann	Greeter
Harriet Beale and Brenna Takata	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 *“Etude”* J. Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

The day of Pentecost has come and we have gathered together in this place.

We are nothing without you, O Lord. Send forth your presence and grant us your mercies and love.

Creator God, reign down your Spirit that we, too, may prophesy!

Praise the Lord who sends forth his Spirit! Praise the Lord who renews the face of the earth.

Christ, reign down your Spirit that we, too, may see visions!

May the glory of the Lord endure forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works.

All: Everlasting Father, reign down your Spirit that we, too, may dream dreams!

INVOCATION

Here in this gathering of believers, as you did with those so long ago, breathe on us now. Breathe on us, blowing away our fears and our hesitations. Breathe on us, transforming our hard-heartedness into passion-filled lives. Breathe on us, for we need peace, peace that only you can give. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday

Ladies Night Out Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Youth Group at 6 p.m.

Thursday

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

Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

Saturday

Saturday Lunch Program

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given
to the Glory of God
and in memory of Homer (Bus) B. Lowther
by his family.*

My Jesus is My Lasting Joy

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707), arr. Roberta Bitgood (1908-2007)

Edited by Paul Allwardt and Clarence Dickinson

English text by Paul Allwardt and Hellen A. Dickinson

My Jesus makes my heart rejoice, His child am I always;
A shepherd kind and gracious He, Within His house I'd stay.
His constant love to me He shows, My very name He knows;
Whate'er betide, His love will guide, and keep all harm away.

My Jesus is my lasting joy, in peace I go and come;
His richest treasure He hath giv'n, and to His arms I come.
When life is done, with God's own Son in faith I shall abide;
He reigns above, and in His love will keep me at His side.

About the Anthem: This text was adapted to Dietrich Buxtehude's organ music by three people, including the wife of one of the editors at H.W. Gray Co. (Helen Dickinson, Clarence Dickinson, and Paul Allwardt). Roberta Bitgood arranged the piece for her youth choir at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside, California in 1962. Mr. Dickinson had been one of Roberta's professors during her master's and doctoral degrees in sacred music. Ms. Bitgood was the first woman in America to earn a doctorate degree in sacred music, and she became the first female president of the American Guild of Organists (1975). She continued to serve as an organist and music minister until her death at the age of 99. Learning from her example, let us endeavor to abide in faith with Christ – each day of this life and in the life everlasting.

HYMN

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

GTG#286

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

God of fire and wind, we confess we have missed the movement of your Spirit in our lives and in your world. We have not been a Spirit-led church. We have not pursued your anointing or your sanctifying presence. We have not lived in holiness. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from bondage to life in the Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord as we pray our silent prayers of confession:

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! All who believe in Jesus Christ will have streams of living water flowing from within, streams of refreshing and of power. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and empowered.

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)

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 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.*

OFFERTORY "Be Still, My Soul" J. Sibelius, arr. C. Berry

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 "My Jesus is My Lasting Joy"
Allwardt & Dickinson/Buxtehude, arr. Bitgood

SCRIPTURE John 15:1-11, Galatians 5:22-23

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

SERMON

“Abide in the Spirit”

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.

HYMN “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” GTG#280

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE “The Glory of God” L Beethoven

BENEDICTION