

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
Ray Beale	Sound
Nancy Clayton	Liturgist
CB Strange	Security, side door and offering
Sam Meadema	Greeter
Kathy Dolianitis and Lorraine Willeford	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 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	<i>“Lead Me, Lord”</i>	Wesley/Thyngerson
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Through every age and in every place, the Christ in whose name we gather, calls disciples with a simple invitation, words of challenge: "Come follow me."

And where is it that we go with Christ?

Christ leads us among enemies and strangers, causing us to regard all persons as potential friends.

Christ leads us into uncharted places of spiritual wilderness where the Word and Will of God are the only reliable guides.

Christ leads us to love ourselves just so we might be found, just so grace might become real.

And Christ leads us to the apparent dead-end of a cross to reveal a highway to new life. We gather to worship the Christ who leads. May we gain the wisdom and courage to follow.

INVOCATION

God of Covenant and Caring, you have placed us in a world of endless variety and fascination. Keep our feet steady on the path and our hearts close to your purposes so that we might be equipped for the journey and energized by your presence in our lives. In Christ's spirit, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we are welcoming five of seven confirmands to the life and membership of the congregation at First Presbyterian Church—Danville.

Confirmation is a reaffirmation of our baptismal vows. For those of us who are baptized as children or infants, it is our parents who initially accept the vows on our behalf. Confirmation then becomes our opportunity to personally reaffirm those baptismal vows and claim the grace offered by Christ in baptism.

At FPC, Confirmation is an opportunity to pause on the verge of adulthood and examine our beliefs and explore how faith might be a good life-long partner. Confirmation is the beginning of a personal lifelong journey.

A hearty and grateful welcome is extended to: Lyla Parris, Madeline Parris, Liam Weller, Drake Weller, James Gill

Please join us after worship for a time of celebration.

Tuesday (6/13) Ladies Night Out Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday (6/14) Youth Group Meeting at 6 p.m.

Thursday (6/15) Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: We will continue to celebrate with a baptism and confirmation of two additional students in the class of 2023.

“Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me”

Plainsong tune, *Adoro te devote* (c. 13th cen.)

Lyrics by Thomas T. Lynch (1818-71)

Fourth stanza and arrangement by K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

About the Anthem: Thomas Toke Lynch, an Englishman, suffered several bouts of poor health and was considered by many people a very free spirit. He struggled to submit to routines, except for the routine of writing. Lynch preached and taught in several small congregations between 1847-1871. Though the churches he pastored were small, his influence reached many seminary students, neighboring pastors, and visitors because of his creative and spirited preaching.

The last stanza of this anthem was written by the arranger, American church music composer K. Lee Scott of Birmingham, Alabama. You may remember him as the composer of the anthem from our Easter service this spring. This hymn is one of the most popular writings of Thomas Lynch and has become one of Scott’s most popular arrangements. The lyrics are a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for help to become more Christlike in character. Particularly challenging to the listener is the line, “Separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.” As we learned last week, following God’s call on one’s life is part of discipleship. We are called to offer our best abilities, skills, time, talents, and treasures to the Lord. If we can do anything (mechanics, inventing or engineering, teaching, accounting, writing, preaching, cooking, cleaning, caretaking, artistic talents), and if we are blessed with time in this life, we are called to offer those gifts and hours back to God.

HYMN

“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

GTG#303

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

We pray, O Lord, not due to our own wisdom, insight and strength, but through you. You intercede for us because we do not know how to pray as we ought. You even hear and know our sighs, which are too deep for words. Forgive us, O Lord, when our prayers are filled with empty phrases and meaningless platitudes. Forgive us, O Lord, when our prayers fail to express our love for you and our neighbors in need. Forgive us, O Lord, when our prayers do not lead to engagement with justice and peace. Fill us with your word and grant us a new beginning in you. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us and Christ prays for us. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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 their teachers should come forward for a blessing.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, as you are faithful to us, may we be faithful to you:
Faithful with our time and energy; faithful with our possessions and wealth.
Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to make real your reign of love, justice, and peace in our world. Amen.

OFFERTORY *"God Will Take Care of You"* Martin, arr. Berry

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me"

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;
Separate from sin, I would, and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 6:1–9, John 20:19–31 (ESV)

SERMON "My Lord and My God"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN "Guide My Feet" **GTG#741**

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2023

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 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.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. John Hatton

BENEDICTION