

# 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
CB Strange	Sound
Jackson Weller	Liturgist
David Swann	Security, side door and offering
Sam Meadema	Greeter
Harriet Beale	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

## *“Our Great Savior”*

Prichard/Berry

## CALL TO WORSHIP

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God;

**The holy habitation of the Most High.**

The Lord pours forth rivers from bare mountains, and fountains in valleys' depths.

**God opens rocks, and water gushes out.**

On dry thirsty land God springs forth streams in the desert.

## 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.

## HYMN

## *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

**GTG#475**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we are welcoming two of seven confirmands to the life and membership of the congregation at First Presbyterian Church—Danville. In addition, we will be baptizing Valentine (Val) Ochoa.

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:** Valentine Ochoa and Alex Garcia.

Please join us after worship for a time of celebration.

## Tuesday (6/20)

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

### Wednesday (6/21)

**Youth Group Meeting** at 6 p.m.

### Thursday (6/22)

There will be **NO Thursday choir rehearsal** from June 22nd - July 27th.

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given  
to the Glory of God  
and in honor of all Fathers  
by the Barrett Family.*

**“Lord, Make Us Worthy”  
By Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)**

Blessed by His coming, Touched by His birth,  
Graced by His glory, Here on the earth,  
Fed by His wisdom, All who believe:  
Lord, make us worthy such gifts to receive.

Spared by His mercy, Healed by His skill,  
Saved by His sorrow, Bound by His will,  
Raised by His power, All who believe:  
Lord, make us worthy such gifts to receive.

Sent by the Father, Humbly He came;  
Master and Savior Him we proclaim.  
All who have found Him now as before,  
Offer Him honor and praise evermore.

Led by His Spirit, Claimed by His love,  
Filled with His promise, Word from above,  
Called to His service, All who believe:  
Lord, make each of us worthy  
such blessings to receive. Amen.

**About the Anthem:** Natalie Allyn Wakeley began her piano studies at age four in her hometown of Evanston, Illinois. Later she earned a BA in music theory from Wellesley College. She went on to marry a Professor of Homiletics, Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Sleeth. Her most popular pieces are “Joy in the Morning” and “In the Bulb There is a Flower” (also called ‘Hymn of Promise’). In addition to publishing over 180 pieces of music, Natalie was an accomplished organist. Her music is popular across the US, Canada, and Germany.

Today’s anthem was written while Natalie and her husband lived in Dallas, Texas. She worked at Highland Park United Methodist, and her husband taught at Southern Methodist University. While there, Natalie studied with composers Jane Marshall and Lloyd Pfautsch. This text is a beautiful illustration of both the life of Christ, and a Christ-filled life of discipleship. Let each of us renew our faith commitments alongside our new members. May we follow the Spirit, remember God’s promises, and actively seek to serve Christ. With God’s love, we are a family. With God’s help, we can guide and encourage one another in faith daily.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace as we silently confess our individual sins to you now...**

*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**

O Lord, we give you thanks with all we are for all you have done for us. In your divinity you have come to dwell with us in the muddy waters of humanity, and comingled your glory with our sin so that the ribbon of corrupting time is becoming a sparkling River of Life flowing through our days. Take all we are, Lord, and use it for your purpose. Bless the gifts we give this day that the church might stand as shining witnesses to your glory, planted by your living water to bring healing to all peoples. Use us as you will to the praise of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

"There Is a Fountain"  
Amer. folk melody, arr. Berry

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**ANTHEM** "Lord, Make Us Worthy" Natalie Sleeth

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 85:10-11, John 16:1–15

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with God and Christ now and forevermore. Amen.

**SERMON** "The Spirit of Truth"

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**HYMN** "Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord" GTG#477

**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** "Fantasia" J. Pachelbel

**BENEDICTION**