

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
Jackie Rochford	Liturgist
David Clark	Security, side door and offering
Kathy Dolianitis	Greeter

First Presbyterian Church

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Together in One Accord



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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 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. H. Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this place and time of worship as individual worshipers. We come from north, south, east and west. We come as young adults, children, widows, families, single people, employed, retired, and somewhere between. We come with diverse political and theological viewpoints. We come with our own unique perspectives on life and faith. We come separate but are made one body by the love of Jesus Christ. In Christ we are one today, tomorrow, and all the days of ahead. May this oneness be reflected in our worship today and in our lives in the coming days.

INVOCATION

God of Mercy and Love, You direct our steps in everything. We come this morning with very different ways of thinking—yet called to join together in unity. Align our hearts and minds. Let us be of one accord like the apostles. Keep us focused on the mission and our obedience to You. Remind us that we do not serve a human purpose, but we serve You, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Amen.

HYMN “All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name” **GTG#**

“In One Accord” By Dick and Melodie Tunney Choral setting by Jack Schrader

There’s no time to be divided, His word must be shared;
So many are searching to know He cares.
And we have been chosen as His light to shine,
We must stand united in one heart and mind.

Refrain: In one accord before the Lord, we lift our voices together;
As one we sing before our King, worshiping in one accord.

The same Spirit that chose us will give us His pow’r
to conquer the enemy, in the final hour;
For we have been chosen as His light to shine,
O, we must stand united in one heart and mind. (*Refrain repeats*)

He has not given us a spirit of fear;
But His power and His love will flow through us in this hour.
(*Refrain repeats twice.*)

As one we sing before our King.
Worshiping in one accord; worshiping in one accord, one accord.

About the Anthem: This song was written in the mid-1980s by husband-and-wife duo, Dick and Melodie Tunney. Shortly after this song was published, Sandi Patty hired Dick as her music director/pianist and signed First Call as her backup band. After several years on the road, the Tunneys had two daughters and decided to stay closer to home. Dick and Melodie continued writing songs and working with other Christian and Gospel artists. They have won ten Dove awards and a Grammy award for their songwriting. Perhaps the most inspiring part of their story – the Tunneys went on to serve as music ministers in a local church, following in the footsteps of Melodie’s parents. Their commitment to following the Spirit’s call is a beautiful example for us. No matter the heights of success, depths of sorrow, our age or station in life, God’s call remains in us. No matter our circumstances, every believer can follow the call to “live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:5b-6). Worshiping God and loving each other is our call and charge; let us answer it in spirit and in truth

POSTLUDE

“Simple Gifts”

arr. N. Goemanne

BENEDICTION

God has created all of us different for a reason. Let us look for what the other person in our path has to offer the world. Let us honor and respect who they are – a beloved child of God. Let us find ways to connect with others rather than focus upon the things that separate us from each. And as we go – may God the Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer and Guide, go with us. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us offer our confessions to God –

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

We live in a broken and hurting world, Compassionate God. **Come and restore us, Reconciling God.**

Greed, hate, power, jealousy, pride and anger are only a few of the behaviors that separate us from each other. **Come and renew us, Loving God.**

We nurse old wounds, we refuse to consider a different point of view, we are afraid of those we don’t know, we act as if we have the best and only way. **Come and heal us, Merciful God.**

We succumb to the idea that things will never change, that situations are hopeless, that conflicts will never cease, that relationships will remain broken. **But the good news is that God has the last word in our brokenness and that word is Jesus.**

So, come, Lord Jesus, with your saving love and grace. Come to save us from our sin. Come to save us from ourselves. **Come Lord Jesus to restore and mend broken lives, broken families, broken communities, and broken churches.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The good news is this – Jesus came into the world to save us – to save us from our divisions, our greed, our selfishness, our hatred, our sins. This day we are saved to live our life in a new way – a life that reflects the restorative love of Jesus. Amen

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God is the giver of all good things, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole.

In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money and in so doing, we say “yes” to God’s invitation to join in Your Kingdom building work here on earth. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*
Vienna, c. 1774, arr. 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 "One Accord," Dick & Melodie Tunney, arr. Schrader
SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 6:4–9, John 17:1–26 (ESV)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Through your word, O Lord, open our hearts to hear you speak to us in a fresh way. Open us up to the message of your love and acceptance of all people. May the seeds of your word take root in our lives so that we might truly become part of your Beloved Community, which encompasses all your beloved children, wherever they may be. Amen.

SERMON *“That They May All Be One”*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN: *“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”*

COMMUNION LITURGY

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.