

# 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.

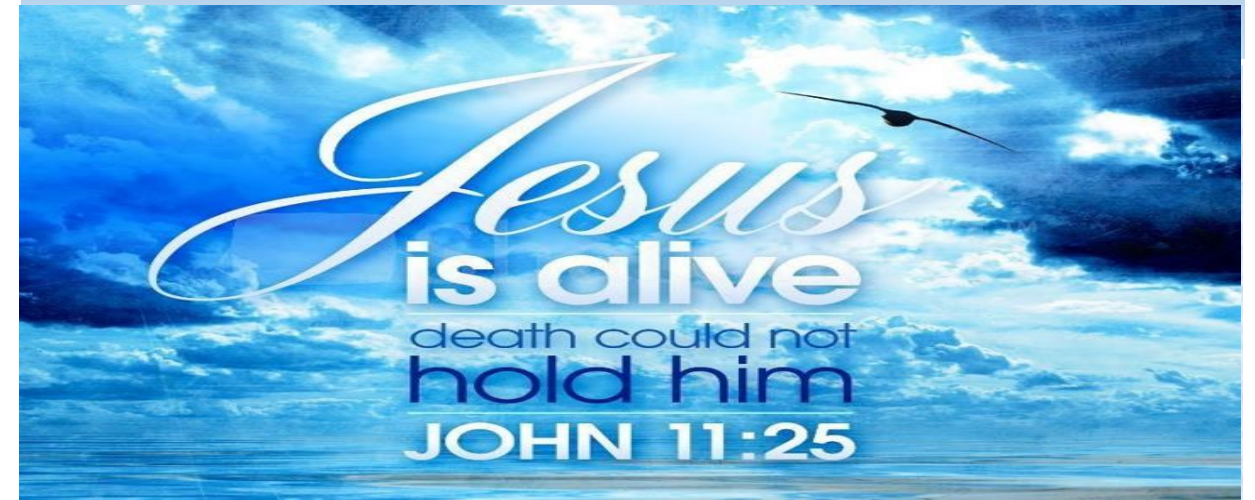
## SERVING TODAY

Jackson Weller	Minister of Discipleship
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
CB Strange	Sound
Brenna Takata	Liturgist
Barry Cutright	Security, side door and offering
Kathy Dolianitis	Greeter

# First Presbyterian Church

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11 a.m.



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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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**                      *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*                      arr: L Shackley

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Christ, in your triumph over the grave and your resurrection from death, the heavens and earth rejoice!

**We praise you, O God! For you have made us victorious over sin!**

On the mountain of the Lord, all people will feast and all wine shall be poured!

**We praise you, O God! For you have prepared a table before us and our cups overflow!**

The Lord has swallowed up death forever; the Lord has wiped away the tears from all faces!

**We praise you, O God! For you have brought us from death to life!**

The disgrace of God's people has been taken away from the earth because the Lord has spoken!

**We praise you, O God! For you have given us joy and gladness!**

## INVOCATION

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**HYMN**                      *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"*                      **GTG#232**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 1                      **Ladies dinner** out at 5:30 p.m. with place to be announced.

August 2                      **Youth Activities** from 6:00-7:30p.m.

August 3                      **Choir rehearsal** at 4:30 p.m.

September 10                      **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering to be collected.

October 1                      **Crop Walk** to support the reduction of hunger.

### ***“The Strife is O’er”***

Latin hymn, c. 1695 | Composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)  
Translator Francis Pott (1832-1909) | Adapted by William H. Monk (1823-1889)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o’er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;

The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed:

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead:

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death’s dread sting thy servants free,

That we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### **About this Hymn:**

This tune was composed by one of the most famous sacred musicians of all time Giovanni Pierluiga da Palestrina (often named only as ‘Palestrina’ after his birthplace). He was born in the Papal States, was a choir member throughout his childhood, and then became an organist at 19. He went on to serve as choirmaster in various churches and composed hundreds of works including over a thousand masses and more than three hundred motets. His counterpoint is considered the inspiration for later Baroque forms (i.e. Bach’s fugues), and he was even credited by some with saving church music from drudgery during a time period when flourishes, ornaments, and embellishments were considered excessive in the church. The Latin hymn text later set to this tune illustrates the trinity and expresses our highest praise through the threefold amens.

The arranger of the hymn version of this tune, William Henry Monk, was an English organist turned choir master. He also began his organ career during his teenage years; at age 24 he was appointed to lead the choir at King’s College in London. He went on to serve as choirmaster at St. Matthias where he began daily choral worship services corresponding to the liturgical calendar. Monk is most famous for writing the lyrics and composing the tune for the hymn “Abide with Me” (EVENTIDE).

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, “I have seen the Lord!” We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. 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

Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolise lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. Amen

**OFFERTORY**                      *"Hallelujah! What a Savior"*                      P.P. Bliss/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** *"The Strife is O'er"* G. Palestrina, adapt. W.H. Monk

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 25:6-9, John 20:1-18

## 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** *"The Lord is Risen"*

## 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** *"Thine Is the Glory"* **GTG#238**

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE	"Victory"	Palestrina/Parker
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## BENEDICTION