

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

Ashley Stanley-Robey

Patricia Taylor

David Clark

Maggie Weller

David Parris

Kathy Dolianitis

Minister of Discipleship

Music Director

Organist

Sound

Liturgist

Security, side door and offering

Greeter

First Presbyterian Church

July 9, 2023

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Morning Has Broken"* Bunessan arr: Busarow

CALL TO WORSHIP

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world- which some seek to control, but which others view with despair- we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to him!

God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!

The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.
("Our World Belongs to God," art.1, 2, 6)

INVOCATION

Here we are, Lord. Gathered in relationship, One with another. Each with gifts and perspectives of our own. Each with experiences and fears and hopes and baggage. Still our spirits in a world of noisiness, that we can perceive the Holy Spirit among us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7/10 **Ladies Dinner –Place TBA**

7/10-714 **Son Servants will be at the church for the week. They will have a time of worship and fellowship each night, Monday-Friday beginning around 7:30 p.m. All are invited and welcome to attend.**

The music department at First Presbyterian Church invites you to join us for an afternoon recital of voice, piano, and trombone music. "Songs for a Summer Afternoon" will be held Sunday, July 16th at 2:00pm in Overbey fellowship hall. Singer Mack Williams will present several tenor and lyric baritone selections from European and American folk song literature. Our music director, Ashley Stanley-Robey, will accompany at the piano. Trombonist and baritone singer Greg Robey and bass singer Ray Hayes will share some African American Spirituals. All the performers will join in a gospel quartet. Come enjoy the music of John McCormack, Heinrich Scheutz, Harry T. Burleigh, and H.C. Boyer.

There will be an ice cream social immediately afterwards. The recital and refreshments are free and open to the public. There is no cost, and all are welcome. Please bring your family, neighbors, and friends!

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Text from 7 th century Latin | Translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Tune by Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever, and our confidence alone.
To this temple, where we call You, come, O Lord of Hosts today;
With Your wonted lovingkindness hear Your people as they pray,
And Your fullest benediction shed within its walls away.
Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

The text of this hymn was translated from Latin sacred poetry by John Mason Neale, D.D. As an Anglican priest, he was well known for directly serving the poor, homeless people, and the elderly. His translations were not considered particularly singable and were usually altered by publishers. It is particularly interesting that this was one of the first texts Neale translated, it was published in his first collection of Medieval Hymns and Sequences (1851). He claimed no rights to his texts or translations, considering hymnody the “common property of Christendom.”

Henry T. Smart composed this tune for the Horatius Bonar ‘Doxology’ (“Glory Be to God the Father”). The tune was first published in 1867 in the English Presbyterian Church hymnal – for which Smart served as music editor. His colleague James Hamilton, the text editor, was the minister at Regent Square Church. Hamilton gave the tune its name REGENT SQUARE after his post, Henry Smart gave up a career in law to pursue music, despite being mostly a self-taught organist. He played for over twenty-five years and went on to design organs, including the ones at St. Andrew Hall in Glasgow, Scotland and the Town Hall of Leeds. Smart went completely blind at the age of 52, but he utilized his memory to continue playing the organ until his death at 65. While he left a treasure trove of compositions – an opera, oratorios, hymn tunes, instrumental music, choral pieces, and organ solo works. This hymn is his most popular work, by far.

HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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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 (unison)

Heavenly Father, we confess that we often forget Who it is that we worship. You, Lord, are the great God Almighty and our Heavenly Father. Yet, at times, we deny that truth by living in fear and responding negatively to our circumstances. For these transgressions we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of our situations or our emotions. Give us eyes to see You as You really are so we might be bold witnesses in our world. We ask this humbly in Christ’s name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, where is your trust placed?

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

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 *“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”*

African American Spiritual, arr.Fettke

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 *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"* Neale/Smart

SCRIPTURE Daniel 7:9–14, John 18:1–27

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 Misery and the Majesty"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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.

HYMN: *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE *“How Great Our Joy”* Jüngst arr: McDonald

BENEDICTION