

# 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
Jay Hayes	Liturgist
Kim Meadows	Security, side door and offering
David Clark	Greeter
David Swann and Brenna Takata	Communion

# First Presbyterian Church

September 3, 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 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** "Heavenly Sunlight" Cook/Shackley

**INTROIT** Choir and Congregation  
GTG#471

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
when I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
come and listen to me.

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### INVOCATION

*Let us shift into silence in God's presence with this simple prayer based on Psalm 46:10.*

Be still and know that I am God. *(Breathe slowly)*

Be still and know that I am. *(Breathe slowly)*

Be still and know. *(Breathe slowly)*

Be still. *(Breathe slowly)*

Be. *(Breathe slowly) (Breathe in silence)*

Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**September 4** Office closed for Labor Day

**September 5** Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.

**Ladies dinner** out at 6:00 p.m. with place to be announced

**September 6** **No Youth Activities** from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**September 7** **Choir rehearsal** at 4:30 p.m.

**Session** at 6:00 p.m.

**September 10** Next Sunday will be an opportunity to participate in the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. It is one of four church-wide Special Offerings of the PC(USA), and the one that supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human caused disaster: Presbyterian Hunger Program taking action to alleviate hunger, care for creation and to address the systematic causes of poverty: and Self-Development of People partnering with communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills. Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church.

T shirt sizes are needed for those Walking in Crop Walk 10/1. Please give them to Jackie Rochford by September 7.

### Helpers Needed

The Saturday Lunch Ministry is in need of volunteers to lead the Bible Study for our Saturday guests. Materials will be provided for your use. To help with this area of ministry call the church office at 434-792-7822 and leave a message on Option 1.

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of Pat Bolt  
on her birthday,  
by Lisa Bolt, and Chuck Bolt.*

## “We Come, O Lord, This Day”

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

We come, O Lord, this day, we lift our hearts to pray;  
We bring our songs of grateful praise, our psalms of joy to you we raise,  
We worship you in ev’ry way.

We come, O Lord, this day, we bow our heads to pray;  
Enable us to do your will, make clear our goals and guide us still,  
That we may serve you day by day.

We come, O Lord, this day, we bow our heads to pray;  
Forgive us when we fail to do an act of love that pleases you,  
Forgive us when we turn away.

We come, O Lord this day, we lift our hearts to pray;  
We give our thanks to you above, we share with all your tender love,  
We worship you in ev’ry way.

### About the Anthem:

Michael Bedford is the organist and choirmaster at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has been a full-time church musician for fifty years. It is evident Dr. Bedford is a very talented writer as this anthem contains a beautiful liturgy. The singers worship God with songs and psalms; they remain in prayer throughout their worship. Then, they confess their sins and ask God to forgive them. “Forgive us when we fail to do an act of love” is a powerful humble prayer that bears repeating. They continue to worship completely, and they commit to show God’s love to all they meet.

These lyrics remind us of the words of Christ, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:29b-31, NASB) Thank God for mercy when we fail to act in love. Thank God for the gift of prayer. Thank God for our hearts, souls, and minds to love Him and our neighbor.

## HYMN

*“More Love To Thee, O Christ”*

GTG#828

### CALL TO CONFESSION

There are many ways to be unfaithful to what we have become through baptism, to our commitment and our obedience to God. We offer God now our prayers of repentance.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. How long will humanity turn your glory into shame? How long will your people love delusions and seek false gods? In my anger I have sinned; though you continue to search my heart for love. Forgive me, O Lord, and help me to follow your teaching and live a life that is pleasing to you, so that your face may once again shine upon me. Amen.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in his loving care. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. 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.*

## BENEDICTION