

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
Alex Walthall	Media
Nancy Clayton	Liturgist
Barbara Wilkins	Security, Side Door, Offering
Brenna Takata	Greeter

First Presbyterian Church

October 15, 2023

DOWNWARD PATH TO GREATNESS

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

THIS IS LIVING!



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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 *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* Converse/Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to celebrate Jesus Christ, who, though He was in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. Instead, he emptied Himself completely, not only taking on human form, but the form of a slave. He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even a humiliating death by torture on a cross of wood.

So God raised Him up with great honor, and gave Him a name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus everyone— in heaven and on earth and even under the earth might bow down, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

This is our God— the God we have come to worship!

INVOCATION

Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today? Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted? Who will you lead us to serve? Help us trust you. Help us listen. Bless this community as we come together in worship. Encourage us, comfort us, unite us, make our joy complete. Amen.

HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

GTG#263

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 17 **Handbell Choir** at 5:00 p.m.
 Ladies Dinner out at 6:00. Place TBA

October 18 **Youth Activities** from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

October 19 **Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 Choir rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

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 that enhance our worship are given in
honor of my strong, courageous, loving sister, Judy Small,
by Jackie Rochford.*

“What Shall I Render to My God?”

Lyricist Charles Wesley (1707-1788) | Composer Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

Based on the tune “FAIRFIELD,” by Z.B. Lam

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy’s store?
I’ll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more.
The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all his promises embrace and to His glory live.

My vows I will to His great name before His people pay,
And all I have, and all I am, upon His altar lay.
Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whate’er is mine.
Born in Thy family below and by redemption Thine.

Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee.
Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv’n,
‘Till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heav’n.

About the Anthem:

The tune, “FAIRFIELD,” was recorded by a musicologist, Mr. Winston Wilkinson, while he traveled through Virginia recording folk tunes. This melody was sung by a Mr. Z. B. Lam of Stanardsville, Virginia. It has been preserved in the University of Virginia Collection of Folk Music (Volume I). While it may sound somber, the slow minor tune beautifully illustrates reverence and awe when paired with Charles Wesley’s lyrics. While this tune has a special place in my heart as a lifelong Virginian, the hymn text ensures it can be treasured by Christians throughout the world.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us offer our confessions to God –

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you.

Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out. The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away.

Hear these words of forgiveness. Be strengthened to walk as disciples. Trust in God's mercy. 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 of abundance, you fill us with good things; you satisfy our thirst;you meet our every need. From your rock, our blessings flow. Accept what we give in return: our hearts, our hands, our gifts, our love. Use them to answer the cries of a world in need. Amen.

OFFERTORY *“Morning Has Broken”* Gaelic Tune.arr.Walz

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 *“What Shall I Render to My God?”* Wesley/Lovelace

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, Lord, through these scriptures.
Remind us again of your everlasting power.
May we know your story and our place within it.
May we remember your mighty works and deeds,
that we might know that you are the God of all ages.
May we claim your promise and share your love.
We are listening, Lord; speak to us today.

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-11

SERMON *“The Downward Path to Greatness”*

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 *“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”* **GTG#727**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE *“Alleluia! Song of Gladness”* arr.R.J. Powell

BENEDICTION