

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
Alex Walthall	Media
Maggie Weller	Liturgist
Eddie Blount	Security, Side Door, Offering
Brenna Takata	Greeter
Team 1	Wednesday Night Dinner

First Presbyterian Church

October 22, 2023

**WORKING OUT WHAT
GOD IS WORKING IN**
PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

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

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Lord God”

J. Pachebel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me.

People: Let us exalt God’s name together!

INVOCATION

O LORD our God, the God of Israel, the Father of Jesus Christ, the sender of your Holy Spirit, Lord of your church: to you be all praise and thanksgiving, all faith and obedience, all glory and honor, and steadfast love that endures forever. Put your Holy Spirit on us today, we pray, and lead us to worship you, as you deserve and desire to be worshiped, with faith, praise, and love, with preaching and hearing, and with glory and thanksgiving. All praise to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

GTG#463

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 24

Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.
Ladies Dinner out at 6:00. Place TBA
Called Session meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 25

Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00p.m., Team 1
Youth Activities from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

October 26

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

October 28

Men’s Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

October 29

Reformation Sunday Please let the church office know if you will be wearing or bringing your tartan.
Congregational Meeting immediately following the service for the purpose of the Election of Officers and approval of the pastor’s salary package.

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.

Menu for Wednesday Night Dinner

Chili, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

Due to increase in grocery prices the WND cost will now be \$7 per person with a family price of \$21.

Please be in prayer for the family of Robert Ramey , who joined the church triumphant on October 18, 2023. the funeral service will be held Friday, October 27 at First Presbyterian Church at 11:30 a.m. with a private burial.

“Praise the Lord on This Glorious Day!”

Lyrics by Don Besig and Nancy Price | Composer Don Besig

Come, rejoice, as our voices we raise
in songs of thanksgiving and jubilant praise!
Come and worship our Savior and King.
With all of God’s people together we sing!

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, no resounds the joyful refrain.
Come, and join in the glad celebration,
and praise the Lord on this glorious day!

Gathered in this place, we are sisters and brothers;
Joy is in our hearts and love grows here.
We will share our faith and serve one another.
The Lord will keep our purpose clear.

We are not alone, we are one in the Spirit,
Jesus calls us all to share God’s Word,
Bringing truth and hope to all who will hear it.
Serving gratefully, serving faithfully,
We will share God’s light with all the world.
Refrain repeats

Praise the Lord! Sing and praise the Lord on this glorious day!

About the Anthem:

This anthem was commissioned for the 200 th church anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of East Avon, New York. Their church motto, “Love grows here,” is included in the lyrics. Alongside their motto, I found another brief statement of faith on the church’s website, “We have faith that Christ is with us and that we can do all things through Him – even though we may have doubt.” The historical marker in the town of East Avon mentions their church, “East Avon began to develop all the elements of a thriving community known for the Wiard Plow, White Horse Tavern, First Presbyterian Church, and suspected Underground Railroad activities.”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us offer our confessions to God –

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, God of peace and God of patience and mercy, we confess before you that we have turned away from you and your purposes. We acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, revenge and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us and guide us by your Holy Spirit to live in the ways of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. Know that as you humbly seek God’s grace, your sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. 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

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

“Ash Grove”

Welch/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

“Praise the Lord, on this Glorious Day!”

Besig/Price

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, our guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow you willingly for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

GTG# 223

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:12-18

SERMON

“Living Towards Maturity”

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.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

“Go Joyfully”

R. Williamson

CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION HYMN

“Go with Us, Lord”

GTG#748

Choir Sings the first time: congregation joins the second time