

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
Tyler Selden	Bagpiper
David Parris	Sound
Bernadine Hayes	Liturgist
Barry Cutright	Security, Side Door, Offering
Brenna Takata	Greeter
Team 2	Wednesday Night Dinner

First Presbyterian Church

October 29, 2023

The Great Exchange

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

THIS IS LIVING!



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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.

PROCESSIONAL AND PRESENTATION OF TARTANS

"Highland Cathedral" by Roever & Korb, bagpiper Tyler Selden

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

And also with you!

Let us pray together: O God, you are our refuge and our strength

A very present help in times of trouble, therefore we will not fear.

O God, you made an everlasting covenant with us.

Help us to be your people in this world of trial and trouble.

O God, too often we have sinned and have fallen short of your glory.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

O God, we have embraced the freedom you offer us.

People: We embrace the Son who makes us free.

O God, we honor the bold faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us.

May we each be as bold in our faith this week as we cry "Come, Holy Spirit!", help us to die again and again in Christ so that we might be truly free. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the Church Triumphant

Janet Cutright

Ina Ingram

Rev. Gerard "Jerry" Broschart

Lillian Evelyn Haislip

William "Larry" Miller

Betzy Wilson

Jean Kendrick Brown

Mary Lou Snead

Dr. George Snead

Diane Shelton

Robert (Bob) Lowther

Charlotte Lowther

Robert Nostrandt

Helen Harris

Rev. Dr. Robert Ramey

October 29

Congregational Meeting following the service.

October 31

Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.

Ladies Dinner out at 6:00. Place TBA

November 1

Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00p.m., Team 2

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

November 2

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

Choir rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

Menu for Wednesday Night Dinner –Team 2 in charge

Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

"For All the Saints"

R. Vaughan Williams, arr. Purifoy

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might,
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight.
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints arise in bright array!
The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen. Amen!

*HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

GTG#275

CALL TO CONFESSION

if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Liturgist: Almighty and most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are unworthy servants. We have not always acted as children of God. We confess that we have left undone things we should have done, and we have done and said things that we should not have done and said. For those times when we have sinned against you even unintentionally, we ask your forgiveness. We truly deserve only condemnation. But we pray that you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your obedient and faithful Son, will forgive us and increase our faith, that we may rise to live before you in righteousness and true holiness.

Jesus Christ abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For his sake, and in his name, I proclaim to you the grace and mercy of God, by which he forgives our sin and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

People: 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"

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Jackie Rochford

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 *"Blessed Assurance with Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*
Knapp/Bach, arr. Dobrinski

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

REMEMBERING THE FAITHFUL WHO HAVE DIED
"For the Beauty of the Earth" C. Kocher

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "For All the Saints" Williams, arr. Purifoy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, we come today to remember the great things you have done for us – to rejoice in your tender mercies that come new every morning. Today “may our aim be to reach that state of happiness in which no trouble shall distress us, and nor error mislead us.” Teach us your precepts. In Christ name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE **Philippians 3:1 -11**

SERMON “Blessed Assurance”

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 *“Blessed Assurance”* **GTG#839**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE *“All Glory be to God on High”* A.W. Leupold

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL *"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"* J.M. Black

Congregational Meeting following worship