

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
Jackie Rochford	Liturgist
David Clark	Security, Side Door, Offering
Brenna Takata	Greeter

First Presbyterian Church

October 8, 2023

GROWING UP TOGETHER

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* arr. Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.

And we can be confident that Jesus who died for our sins will stand in our place before the throne of God and grant us mercy ...

INVOCATION

Most Holy and Most Gracious God, who turnest the shadow of night into morning, satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all the day. Lift the light of thy countenance upon us; calm every troubled thought; and guide our feet into the way of peace. Perfect Your strength in our weakness, and help us to worship You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 10

Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.

Ladies Dinner out at 6:00. Place TBA

Session at 7:00 p.m.

October 11

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

October 12

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
to the Glory of God,
and in honor of our church friends and family,
by Rebecca and Chris Moore*

“Fly Away Medley”

Arranged by Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

“I’ll Fly Away” – Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977)

“We’ll Understand it Better By and By” – Rev. Charles A. Tindley (1855-1933)

“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder” – James M. Black (1856-1938)

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” – Lyricist: Samuel Stennett (1727-1795)

“When the Saints Go Marchin’ In” – African American Spiritual

About the Anthem:

Mark Hayes is considered one of the foremost composers, arrangers, and orchestrators in the world. He began studying piano at the age of ten and went on to graduate from Baylor University in Texas. Afterwards he set out composing and has published over 1,500 pieces of music. Mr. Hayes has traveled the world serving as a guest conductor, director of musical theatre productions, orchestrator, pianist, and clinician. Creating beautiful music is his self-described mission and calling. There are far too many lyrics in the five songs above to print all of them here. However, most of us know at least a couple of these well enough to sing or hum along. While all these songs reference eternal life in heaven, they also remind us that we each are part of the communion of saints. We are brothers and sisters in Christ; together we carry out His ministry and Great Commission throughout the world. Some churches post signs near their exits that read, “You are now entering the mission field.” In today’s reality, we enter the mission field each time we leave our home, make a phone call, log onto a Zoom meeting, or write to another person. None of us can live in isolation – we work together and intersect with each other (for better or for worse). As we enter each new day, task, or interaction with another person, may our character reflect the Fruits of the Spirit and the eternal presence of God with us.

HYMN

“Let Us Build A House”

GTG#301

CALL TO CONFESSION

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners called to be holy. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others and together confess our need for grace and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We humbly acknowledge, O gracious Lord, that we have been created in your image, to be like you, to live for big purposes, and to fulfill paths of significant service. But we confess that all too often we have been preoccupied with ourselves, our desires, and our needs, rather than your kingdom. We humbly acknowledge, O gracious Lord, that we have been redeemed by your grace and have been renewed by your Spirit so that we can serve you in all things. But we confess that all too often we have been preoccupied with being our own master. And we humbly acknowledge, O gracious Lord, that we have been called to be part of your great plan for the world and do all things to your glory. But we confess that all too often we've been more concerned about our own name and our own credit. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Restored in Christ’s presence, shaped by his life, this new community lives out the ongoing story of God’s reconciling love, announces the new creation, and works for a world of justice and peace.

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 *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* Hughes/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 *“Fly Away Medley”* arr. Mark Hayes

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 Jeremiah 1 and Philippians 1:1-11

SERMON *“Growing Up Together”*

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 *“Come, Great God of All the Ages”* **GTG#309**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

BENEDICTION *“Break Forth Into Joy”* J.S. Bach