

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

WORSHIP NOTES

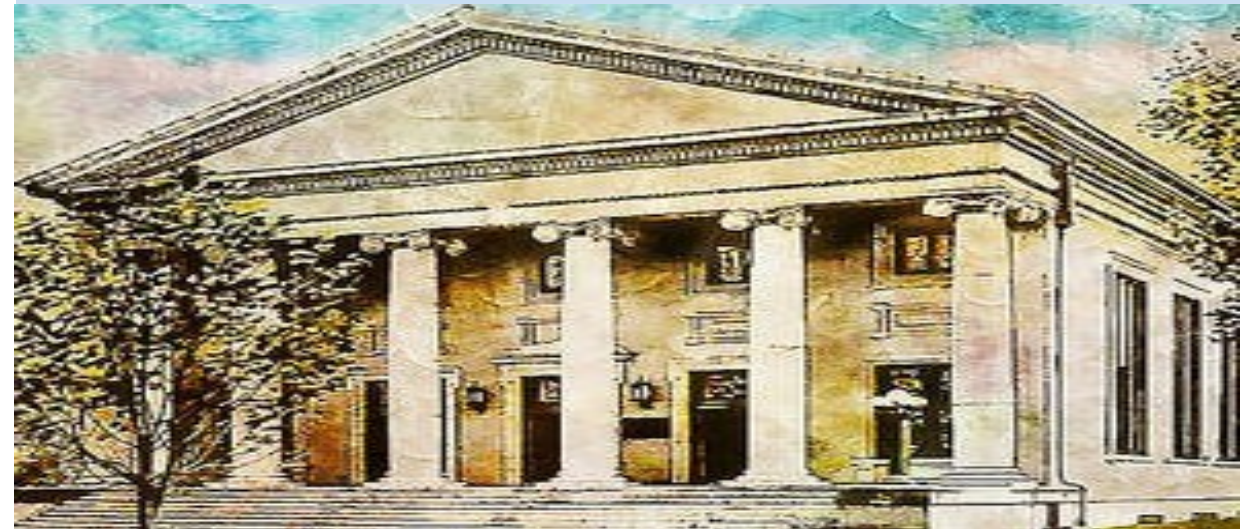
Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Jackson Weller	Minister of Discipleship
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
Eddie Blount	Sound
Kathy Dolianitis	Liturgist
Sam Meadema	Security, Side Door, Offering
Barbara Wilkins	Brenna Takata

First Presbyterian Church

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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 *“Prelude and Fugue”* J.O. Armand

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long .

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

All: Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

Lord, into your most holy presence we now come. Calm our anxious spirits. Remove the distractions that would keep us from you here today. Break down the walls of separation that we have built to keep you from our hardened hearts. Lead us in joy and celebration of the only reality worth knowing, that you love us as we are. Free us for joyful obedience to your claim and call on our lives this day and every day. Amen.”

HYMN *“For the Fruit of All Creation”* **GTG#36**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 6

Day Circle at 12:30 p.m. in Westminster.
Evening Circle at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Harriet Beale,
129 Westmoreland Court
- November 7

Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.
Ladies Dinner out at 6:00. Place TBA
- November 8

Youth Activities from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- November 9

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

Choir Party at 5:30 p.m. at home of Pastor Beth
- November 12

Upcoming events
Communion Sunday
- November 18

Men’s Breakfast at 8 a.m.

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of Tom Barrett
by Ava Barrett*

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Lyricist C. H. Bateman (1813-1889) | Composer Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia!
Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia!
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia!
Come, lift your heart on high; Alleluia!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia!

He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia!
Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

About the Anthem:

The lyrics of this familiar hymn were written in 1843 by Reverend Christian Henry Bateman, a Scottish pastor and writer. It was published as, “Come, Children, Join to Sing,” in the hymnal Sacred Melodies for Children. Bateman studied in the Moravian seminary before serving Congregationalist and Anglican churches. His hymnal began with twenty-five songs; each print edition grew until it contained over two hundred hymns in 1881. More than six million copies of the hymnal were dispersed through Scottish Sunday schools. This is by far his most popular hymn text. It is usually sung to a Spanish folk tune.

American composer and organist Gordon Young composed this alternate tune for “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” in 1964. A Kansas native, Young studied music at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. After graduate school, he became the organist and music director at First Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Young went on to publish twelve collections of organ music and thirty choral anthems. His arrangements are often played on the organ during the final verse of congregational hymns. Organ students today master a work by Gordon Young alongside the works of Bach.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us offer our confessions to God –

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. Our efforts to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength often fall short. Our lack of trust in you hinders our ability to give ourselves completely to you. We stubbornly deny that you know what is best for us. Our mindset of meagerness keeps us from loving our neighbors, and ourselves. 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 *"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"* Allen/arr. Berry

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 *“Come Christians ,Join to Sing”* by Gordon Young

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.

SCRIPTURE **Philippians 3:12-4:1**

SERMON **“Living With Purpose”**

HYMN *“Take My Life and Let it Be”* **GTG# 697**

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.

CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION **GTG# 748**

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in Your Spirit, strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE *"Rejoice Gently, O My Soul"* arr. J. Mansfield