

# 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
David Clark	Sound
Jackson Weller	Liturgist
Kathy Dolianitis	Security, Side Door, Offering
Barbara Wilkins	Greeter
Jackie Rochford and David Clark	Communion

# First Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2023

THE PRACTICE OF  
UNITY

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5, 8

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 worshipers 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** *“Simple Gifts”* arr. F. Binkles

## CALL TO WORSHIP

How good it is when God's people dwell in unity. It is like the dew falling on mountains, where the LORD has promised to bless his people with life forevermore.

## How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

It is as if the dew were falling on God's mountain.

**For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.**

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like the dew of which falls on the mountains, for there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

## INVOCATION

Jesus, the Great Physician, we come to intercede on behalf of our church today. You know our imperfections, our flaws, and our problems. Help us to unite under Your banner and to put aside all that would hinder us from our work in your Kingdom. Remind us that we are to have the same mind as that of Christ and to seek the interests of others rather than our own. Give understanding and grace to all and bring us together in prayer. The church is to be one body and one bride. We pray these things in the name of the bridegroom, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 14**      **Handbell Choir** at 5:00 p.m.  
**Ladies Dinner out** at 6:00. Place TBA

**November 15**      **Youth Activities** from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**November 16**      **Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
**Choir rehearsal** at 4:30 p.m.

**November 18      Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m.**

## Upcoming events

**November 20      Community Thanksgiving Service** at West Main Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

**November 29** **Wednesday Night Dinner at 6 p.m.** followed by a presentation by leadership of the Presbytery of the Peaks to discuss the current condition of mainline churches and avenues of hope for the future.

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given in memory of Lib  
and Charles Cuttle, Catherine Cuttle, and Bob Cuttle*

*by Frances, Parks, and John Newby*

***“Here at This Table”***

Words by Don Besig (b. 1936) & Nancy Price (b. 1958) | Music by D. Besig

Lord, You have called us; humbly we come.  
Here at this table we all are made one.  
Now, as we share Your love and Your grace,

Lord, be with us, we pray.  
Lord, You have shown us; clearly we know,  
Here at this table we all are made whole.  
Now, as we share this gift we receive,  
Bless us, Lord. Help us believe.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Through this bread and this cup we remember our Savior's love.

O Lord, fill our hearts with peace.  
Lord, You have blessed us; truly we see  
Here at this table our sins are redeemed.  
Now, as we share this promise come true,  
Hope is found, faith is renewed.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.

With our hearts joined in prayer, we give thanks for this meal we share.

O Lord, fill our hearts with peace.  
Here at this table, we will find God's peace.

**HYMN**

*“Great God of Every Blessing”*

**GTG#694**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Knowing that God will protect us, give us strength and love, while we persist in falling short of God's glory, love and hope for us, let us now join together to offer God those times we need Christ's help to be the people and the Church we are called to be. Pray with me:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, you know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When those thoughts, beliefs, ideas and beings turn from you, we long to be placed back on Your path. We pray that our lives might be a never-ending offering to you, and that our sin might lead to more ways to learn and grow closer to your hopes for us. Cleanse us of our sin; turn our thoughts and feet ever toward Your Way. We pray this together in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The mercy of God is unending, the love of God is all encompassing, and the peace we share in Christ is fathomless. Knowing this, know that we are forgiven, today and all days. Thanks be to God!

**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

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 *“Here at This Table”* D. Besig and N. Price

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 4:4-5

SERMON Living in Harmony: The Practice of Unity

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNION HYMN *“Seed, Scattered and Sown”* GTG#531

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING SCREEN

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PASTOR CONTINUES ....**  
We offer you back our breath As we join the universe in praise:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are you, O Lord,**

**PASTOR CONTINUES ...**  
With thanksgiving for your providence in Christ, we keep these mysteries, proclaiming the faith in all we do as our sacrifice of praise:  
**Dying you destroyed our death  
Rising you restored our life  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD’S CHILDREN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

POSTLUDE *“Come Thou Fount”* arr. D. Wagner

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION (based on Philippians 4: 4-9)