# **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

Sam Meadema Sound

Becky Meadema Liturgist

Kim Meadows Security, Side Door, Offering

Barbara Wilkins Greeter

# **First Presbyterian Church**

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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.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Adam Coleman

PRELUDE "Thanks be to God in Heaven" A.W. Leupold

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

People: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give

thanks.

Leader: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Je-

sus.

People: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

Leader: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide.

Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.

All: We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!

#### **INVOCATION**

Gracious God, when the world's noise is turned up high, we come not to escape, but to seek wisdom, and to focus on things that are worthy. Dial down the distractions in our minds. Tune our senses to your word and our hearts to your praise. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" GTG#643

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome Adam Coleman, the regional Manager for OneAmerica Movement, as he shares the work being done in the area of Danville and Pittsylvania County

November 20 Community Thanksgiving Service at West Main Baptist

Church at 7 p.m.

**November 21 Handbell Choir** at 5:00 p.m.

Ladies Dinner out at 6:00. Place TBA

November 22 Church Office Closed

**Upcoming events** 

**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.

Today the flowers that enhance our worship are given in loving memory of Diane Shelton

by her sister, Kim Clifton, and her husband, Kent Shelton

# Missionary Report Paul and Reinhold Sydnor International Association for Refugees Lille, France

The Refugee Center, a work of five years and open for the past three, is in a church strategically located near the center of Lille. In 2022 France accepted 100,000 refugees. Two thousand arrived in Lille from Ukraine. Paul Sydnor writes, "God is always in control of the evens that shape the world. Migration is one of the primary ways that God brings and builds his kingdom on earth." The main aim of the Refugee Center is to build connections between people that reflect the dignity, respect and love of God. Paul's ministry team facilitates French language courses, phone repairs, weekly prayer and Bible discussion, trauma healing groups, computer courses, intern/volunteer mentoring, community meals, transportation assistance and monthly emergency assistance for food, shelter and cooking gas. One refugee leader said," It permits us to integrate and overcome isolation. You are a small group, but what you give us is more valuable than all the other organizations in Lille together."

This year Paul informed his supporters the \$12,000 annual funding for the center is nearly depleted. First Presbyterian Church Trustees have approved a request for \$1,000 from the Freddie Lamb mission fund to be sent to International Association of Refugees for the support of the Refugee Center.

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

(based on Exodus 32: 1-14; Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14)

God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way. God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all. Therefore, I invite you to confess all that would separate you from God or one another. Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we have fashioned idols of our own desire or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others,

Christ, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God's steadfast love endures forever. **Praise God!** 

from Standing in the Gap, written by Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

#### 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"

#### **DEDICATION OF COMMITMENT CARDS**

#### **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** 

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Edward/Wood

**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** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:6-7

**Do not be anxious about anything**, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**SERMON** "Living in Peace: Breaking the Anxiety Habit"

#### **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** "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" **GTG#661** 

**CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP** 

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" A.W.Leuold

**BENEDICTION**