

# 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
Brenna Takata	Liturgist
David Swann	Security, Side Door, Offering
Barbara Wilkins	Greeter
Team 3	Wednesday Night Dinner

# 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

*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

### MINUTE FOR ANGEL TREE

**CHORAL INTROIT**                      “Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts”                      (Psalm 9)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.  
**This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.**  
This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.  
**This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.**  
This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!  
**This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!**

### INVOCATION

Now, in the silence, when we struggle to control our lives, may we, once again, empty ourselves of our pride and fears, to be filled with your hope.

Now, in these moments, when we cannot let go of our worries and doubts, may we, once again, open our hands to hold your faith.

Now, on this day which is only and always your gift to us, may we, once again, live into your kingdom as we pray the prayer which you taught us to pray:

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 26

Youth Activity to Escape Room
- November 28

Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.  
Ladies Dinner out at 6:00. Place TBA
- 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.  
Youth Activity 6 p.m.
- November 30

Bible Study at 10:30 and 6:30.

### Menu for Wednesday Night Dinner

Grilled Pork Tenderloin( chicken available for those who cannot eat pork), Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad and Dessert

### Upcoming events

- December 3

DACAS Christmas Concert 3 p.m. at St Lukes United Methodist Church.
- December 17

Caroling meet at church at 2 p.m.

***“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”***

**Composer: Johann Steurlein (1546-1613) | Lyricist: John S.B. Monsell (1811-1875)**

**Arranger: Theodore Beck (1929-2003)**

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with His fullness, all things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.

**About the Anthem:**

I love the beautiful imagery in these lyrics – the seasons move in ‘fruitful’ order; the valleys laugh and sing to God who made them. Today is Christ the King Sunday, and I found it fitting to sing, “God crowns the year with goodness,” as this is the end of the liturgical year. We will begin a new church year next Sunday at the start of Advent. The final verse foreshadows Epiphany through the golden sheaves of harvest given to Christ at the altar (as the Magi gave Jesus a gift of gold).

**HYMN**

***“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”***

**GTG#41**

**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

Now, in these moments of gratitude, we would offer you a portion of all which you have given to us, Gracious God. We do so, trusting that you will take them, multiplying them in your kingdom, so all might be blessed by your love, your peace, and your hope. Amen.

OFFERTORY *“Pastorale”* L. Wely

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 *“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”* Steurlein/Monsell, arr. Beck

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 4:10-20

SERMON Living in Contentment: Loving the Life He Gives

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 *“Christ is Coming”* GTG#360

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE *“Ein feste burg”* J. Pachelbel

BENEDICTION