

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Kathy & Joe Northen	Interim Choir Director & Organist
Ray Beale	Sound
Tom Gillespie	Time for Young Disciples
Jackson Weller	Liturgist
David Clark	Security, Side door & Offering
Ray Beale, Kim Meadows	Communion
C. B. Strange	Greeter
Leigh Blount, Brenna Takata	Sunday School

Announcements

CROP Walk is this afternoon at 3 pm! If you want to donate, make your check to FPC and place in offering plate or drop off at the office, put CROP Walk in memo line. If you want to walk, let the office or Jackie Rochford know today.

Day Circle meets Monday October 4th at 12:30 pm.

Evening Circle meets Monday October 4th at 7 pm at the home of Karan Johnson.

Property Committee meets Tuesday October 5th at 7 pm.

Session meets Tuesday October 12th at 7 p.m.

*The flowers today are given in memory of our mothers:
Minnie Lee Hayes and Goldie Keese
by Jay and Bernadine Hayes.*

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church.

Our office hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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World Communion Sunday

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

***Please stand as you are able.**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

O Redeemer God, as we gather in worship on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Rev. Emily McGinley and Richard Pak

Prelude *“Beautiful Savior”* by Schroeder

Call to Worship **Hosea 10:12**

Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.

***Hymn** *“Christ’s Parables”* (insert)
(The children should come forward on the last verse of the hymn)

A Time for Young Disciples

(Children exit for Sunday School-for grades K-5)

Offering Prayer/Collection

Choral Anthem *“Rejoice! I Have Found the Lost!”* arr. Wold

***Doxology**
(Children Leave the Sanctuary)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Scripture Matthew 25:14-29

Sermon “The Parables of Jesus: Don’t Waste Your Talents”

***Hymn** *“In Remembrance”* **GTG#521**
(Children return from Sunday School)

Communion of the People **See Insert**

Sending Prayer

Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all from now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Postlude *“In Christ There is No East or West”* arr. Wood

COMMUNION LITURGY

Prayer of Confession:

ONE:

Isaiah 1:16-20 ¹⁶Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. ¹⁷Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. Hear now our silent prayers of confession for those times we have failed to use our talents for our purpose:

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Pardon

¹⁸"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. ¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; ²⁰but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**Apostles' Creed*

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.**

**Gloria Patri*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choir of creation and all the saints of all times and places who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

So as we await your coming among us In the fullness of your sovereign glory, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Where there is lack of regard for your creation **Prod us to speak up.** Where people fail to see the dignity of all persons, **Open blind eyes.** Where there is silence about others being hurt, **Impassion us with a desire for justice.**

Lord, your creation groans under abuse. **Renew the earth with goodness.** Your children are starving across this globe. ***To those who hunger Give bread.** And to those who have bread **Give hunger for justice.** *

People languish in prisons, Some unjustly, Some without repentance, And some for standing up for your Way. **Release the captives, Lord.** O God, our Sovereign, leaders in all lands take bribes and afflict their peoples. **Topple oppressive powers with your rule and send the rich empty away.** Your church luxuriates in the comfort of faith; **Send us to be your servants in service to the world.**

Communion of the People

Sending Prayer