

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Interim Organist
David Parris	Sound
Joyce Perez	Liturgist
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First Presbyterian Church

July 31, 2022

11 a.m.



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Office Hours: Tuesday—Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1

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.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

If you do not have a church home you are always welcome to share our journey.

Invocation

Almighty God, we are in awe of your magnificent power displayed through the entire universe, for through you all things were made and all things have their being. We come before you with grateful thanks and with hearts that long to adore you and worship only you. Lord, may we know the presence of the Holy Spirit here with us today. May we be open to your leading, sensitive to your speaking and alert to your calling. Father, we invite the same power that was at work when Jesus was raised from the grave to be present with us here now. Lord, we declare that you are welcome here amongst us. Amen.

Choral Prelude *“Now I Walk in Beauty”* Trad. Navajo Prayer Song

*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to this ancient place.

All: House of prayer for many people; Home to all who come.

Leader: Welcome to this gathering place.

All: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.

Leader: Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning;
all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

All: Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your Spirit.

***HYMN** *“O God Beyond All Praising”* Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: Beginning Sunday, August 7, Children (K-5) will have an extended Sunday School during morning worship. Following the “*Gloria Patri*”, they should meet their teachers at the side door on the left side of the sanctuary. We have opted to give their teachers a little more time to complete their lesson plans.

GIVING STATEMENTS Giving statements for the first half of the year have been mailed. Please review carefully with your records and report any discrepancies to the church office.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES will resume on Wednesday, August 3, 2022

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN will resume on Sunday August 7, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY will be a Dutch treat lunch, following the Sunday service at Frank’s Italian Restaurant at 1959 Memorial Drive.

O God Beyond All Praising (Thaxted)

Verse 1

O God beyond all praising
We worship You today
And sing the love amazing
That songs cannot repay
For we can only wonder
At every gift You send
At blessings without number
And mercies without end
We lift our hearts before You
And wait upon Your word
We honour and adore You
Our great and mighty Lord

Verse 2

Then hear O gracious Saviour
Accept the love we bring
That we who know Your favour
May serve You as our king
And whether our tomorrows
Be filled with good or ill
We'll triumph through our sorrows
And rise to bless You still
To marvel at Your beauty
And glory in Your ways
And make a joyful duty
Our sacrifice of praise

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Call to Repentance, Confession

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all –

All: Lord forgive us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor –

All: Lord forgive us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life –

All: Lord forgive us.

Leader: Let us confess in silence our faults and admit our frailty.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness; to the ways we wound our lives, to the lives of others, and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen

The Peace of Christ:

The Lord Be With You

And also with you.

Leader: Let us, the children of God, greet each other with signs of peace, peace of Christ to you!

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.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering Prayer

O Lord, We thank You for Your steadfast love and mercy on us. Father, we believe that every word in the Bible was breathed out by You (2 Tim 3:16), and we believe Your promise that You will bless us when we are obedient to Your Word. And so, without hesitation, we gladly give to You what is Yours. Bless these tithes and offerings, Father. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Offertory "Siciliano" D. Scarlatti

Doxology

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **GTG#475**

Scripture Psalm 34:1, Psalm 113, Philippians 4:4

Sermon "Bless to Me: Celtic Spirituality"

Celtic Affirmation of Faith

An Affirmation of Faith may use a creed of the church, scripture, or statements of the Reformed heritage in the Book of Confession. The faith being affirmed is the faith of the whole ecumenical church—a faith that is catholic and orthodox as well as Reformed. An affirmation of faith is said in response to the Word proclaimed.

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God.

***Hymn**

"From the Rising of the Sun"

GTG#670

GO IN GOD'S NAME

The Sending brings our worship full circle. We have been gathered and shaped into a community, one body in Christ. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world. We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace—God's Word and sacraments.

Charge

As you go out into the world this week, think of what you could learn from this ancient tradition. Look for God in the translucence of creation and in the faces of strangers. Think of yourself as a guest of the world and prepare yourself for the amazing gifts God wants to lavish on you today – gifts of friendship, food, fellowship, love and caring.

Choral Benediction

Words of Dismissal

Go to make a difference in the world. With joy filled hearts may you share the Good News of the Gospel in word and in deed.

Recessional Music "All Creatures" arr. D. Hustad

(You are free to go while the recessional music is playing)