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

Eddie Blount Sound

Ray Beale Liturgist

David Parris Security, side door and offering

Linda Copeland Greeter

Kelly Gilson Time for Young Disciples

Rebecca and Chris Moore Sunday School

Team 1 Wednesday Night Supper

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. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "We Shall Walk Through the Valley of Peace" A.L. Hatter

INVOCATION

This morning, God, we want everything to be for your glory. We want our thoughts, our words, our songs, our church, our community, our resources, our time, our lives -- all to be for you. Everything ours is yours, and we come together to declare this to be so, on this Sunday, your holy day. Bless our time together with your holy presence, Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise be to the Lord God Almighty for our wonderful salvation!

People: Even when we were lost and wandering amid sin, the Lord sought us still.

Leader: We deserved God's terrible wrath, yet we received God's loving discipline.

People: As a parent guides a child, so has the Lord watched over our paths.

Leader: Let our witness to God's justice and compassion be clear.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" GTG#630

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday (1/16) Office closed for holiday

Tuesday (1/17) No Handbell rehearsal

Wednesday (1/18) Wednesday Dinner and Youth Activities 6 p.m.

Thursday (1/19) Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Choir 5 p.m.

Sunday (1/29) There will be a congregational meeting after the 11 a.m.

service to receive the annual report and a discussion about a flooring project in the sanctuary and day school

wings.

The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Bolt, Buck Collins, Sarah Collins, and Tom Collins

"Lord, Who Knows My Heart" By Daniel Burton | Based on Psalm 139

Lord, who sees my ev'ry thought, Lord, who hears my quiet need,
Lord, who walks the path I travel, Lord, who knows my heart.

When I stand and when I sit, He is always close at hand;
Ev'ry word upon my lips He will understand.

Nowhere here in earth or heav'n could I ever run away
From the God that gently guides me to the day.

If I take the morning's wings, soaring to a distant sea,
There his loving hand will meet me:

Lord, who knows my heart.

CALL TO CONFESSION

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. (John 3:19) Let us confess our sin before God and seek God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and to walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. (Ephesians 5:8) In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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 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

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children in through Grade 5 may come forward for a scripture lesson and then leave with their teachers for Sunday School).

OFFERING PRAYER: Everlasting Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to you. We recognize everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Jesu. Thou Joy of Man's Desiring"

JS Bach

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE Hosea 2:14–20, John 3:22–36 (ESV)

SERMON "All Are Going To Him"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" GTG#703

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE "Allegro" from Suite Gothique Leon Boellmann

BENEDICTION