

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
C.B. Strange	Sound
Randy Brooks	Liturgist
Linda Copeland	Security, side door and offering
Barry Cutright	Greeter
Chris and Rebecca Moore	Sunday School

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 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

PRELUDE *“Reflections on a Shaker Tune”* F. Binkles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, let us gather our hearts and minds in worship as we seek an encounter with the living God this day!

All: God we lift our hearts today, longing to hear from you, to be blessed by you, and filled more with your Spirit.

Leader: Let us ready our spirits, for God to change and renew us today.

All: Make us over oh God, change our hearts, fix our minds, that your light would shine through us today and every day.

INVOCATION

O LORD our God, the living God, whose Spirit gives life, and whose Son, Jesus Christ, is our Lord: You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. O LORD, have pity on your servants! Satisfy us this morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let your favor, O LORD our God, be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands. Glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN *“Come, Live in the Light”* **GTG#749**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday (3/27) **Christian Education** meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday (3/28) **Bell Choir** at 5 p.m.
Ladies Night Out Supper at 6 p.m.

Wednesday (3/29) **Youth Activities** from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday (3/30) **Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

Saturday (4/1) Saturday Lunch Ministry at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday (4/2) **Palm Sunday— Please plan to gather in the DR room to receive your palm branches for the traditional processional into the sanctuary.**
Confirmation Class following worship

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Prayer of St. Francis

Music by Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Barnard

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace, your peace.

Historical Context

This prayer has been attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, the Italian friar and founder of the Franciscan monastic orders. The text is absent from his writings, however, and can only be traced back to 1912 when it was published in a French Christian magazine, *La Clochette* (The Little Bell), published by a Parisian Catholic organization, *The League of the Holy Mass*. It has been theorized that the league’s founder, Father Esther Bouquerel, may have penned the text with inspiration from the life and works of St. Francis and his contemporary Giles of Assisi. This text was widely publicized, spoken, and sung throughout both World Wars.

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Great God, creator of all things: we give you thanks for your Word, through whom all things came into being and in whom there is life and light for all people. We confess that we have shunned the light and sought the darkness. We confess that we have been slow to receive him and hesitant to believe in his name. Lord, have mercy upon us! Help us to see the glory of the Word become flesh. From the fullness of his grace and truth, let us receive grace upon grace. Grant us power to become children of God. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Word of God. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Light has come to you. Your light has come and it has erased the darkness. Now we can walk and work in the light. You are loved by God and called to God's service. AMEN.

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.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children should come forward for a blessing as they leave with their teachers)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Lord our Savior, we praise you for your constant care. We are grateful that you have claimed us as your own, that we belong to you as part of your people. Thank you for drawing us to this congregation where we share in worship and study, friendship and service with others who love you. Let our lives be useful for your purposes. We gladly give our tithes and offerings as a sign of the joy you give us, to share with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

J.G. Werner, arr. C. Berry

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

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

S. Temple, arr. M. Barnard

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1–15, John 8:12–59 (ESV)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, you are the source of all light. You divinely separated light from darkness so that we may have the beauty of the light of day. Dear Lord, illuminate this day and enlighten us as we seek to know you through your word. May we be led by your light so our hearts may be opened to your word. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SERMON

"Light of the World"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Though he was divine,

**he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

HYMN:

"Shine, Jesus, Shine!"

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

"The Great Amen"

D. Asman

POSTLUDE

BENEDICTION

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given
in loving memory of Ted Argyrakís
by Pat and their children.*