

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

David Parris

Sound

Becky Meadema

Liturgist

Barry Cutright

Security, side door and offering

David Swann

Greeter

Kathy Dolianitis and Lorraine Willeford

Sunday School

First Presbyterian Church

May 14, 2023

11 a.m.



937 Main Street

Danville VA 24541

434-792-7822

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 *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* Kirkpatrick/Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Way: you call us to celebrate your peace in a world which worships war
To celebrate your freedom
In the face of oppression
To celebrate the seed of faith planted in the doubts of our hearts

Our Life: you would have us celebrate the safe ground of hope
Emerging from the flood of our tears
Celebrate those who love us
In the midst of hurt and hatred
Celebrate our salvation
Even as we struggle with sin

Our Truth: you teach us to celebrate our new life
in the gift of the Risen Lord
To celebrate the grace of your heart
Which melts our fears
To celebrate that all our moments
Are cradled in your hands.
ALL: Our Way, our Truth, our Life

INVOCATION

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday (5/16)

Bell Choir at 5 p.m.
Ladies Night Out Supper at 6 p.m.
Hughes Home Foundation Meeting

Wednesday (5/17)

Low County Boil at 6 p.m.
Tickets on sale following worship

Thursday (5/18)

Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

Saturday (5/20)

Abukloi School Neighborhood Gathering
Raleigh Court Presbyterian (Roanoke) at 11 a.m.

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given
to the Glory of God
and in honor and remembrance of all mothers
by the Takata family*

The Ashgrove Gloria
Traditional tune, arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)
Text by Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

To God be the glory, all glory in the highest
and peace to his people who dwell here below
Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our sovereign
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow

We worship and adore you, we bow here before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise
All glory and honour and glad adoration
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise

Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father
we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb
The sin of the world you have taken upon you
Have mercy upon us, the Great I AM

For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us
The Lord in the highest, the Holy One
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit
From ages everlasting, the Three in One

About the Anthem: Malcolm Archer arranged this familiar tune for voice with keyboard accompaniment. Archer is a well-known church musician in the United Kingdom, having served as organist or music director at Norwich, Bristol, Wells, and St. Paul's cathedrals. He also directed chapel music and choirs at Winchester College for over a decade. Archer has published over 250 pieces of music. He likely collaborated with the American writer, arranger, and composer Mark Schweizer in the early 1990s when he spent a lot of time in the United States.

Mark Schweizer was a composer, arranger, music editor, and librettist in North Carolina until his death a few years ago. He was also a music professor, bass-baritone singer, and a prolific writer of mysteries involving liturgically aligned characters (the St. Germaine series). Possibly most impressively, Schweizer wrote libretti for operas by Shepherd and Cooman.

HYMN

“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”

GTG#385

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

If it was easy to follow Jesus, we would not need to ask for forgiveness. But it is tough - tough to say 'yes,' tough to be graceful, tough to be loving. Yet whatever we do, God loves us enough to forgive us and to feed us with the Bread of Life. Let us pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.” – Isaiah 44:22

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 meet their teachers at the door for Children in Worship)

