

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

CB Strange

Sound

Maggie Weller

Liturgist

Eddie Blount

Security, side door and offering

David Swann

Greeter

Leigh Blount and Brenna Takata

Sunday School

First Presbyterian Church

May 7, 2023

11 a.m.



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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 "O Rest in the Lord" org. F. Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

our hearts a shelter for the outcast;

our hands open to the stranger.

We are God's people, created in the divine image:

to tell others of God's love,

to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

chosen to serve the lost and lonely,

gifted to minister to a hurting world.

INVOCATION

All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. **Amen!**

HYMN "Let Us Build a House" **GTG#301**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday (5/9)

Bell Choir at 5 p.m.

Ladies Night Out Supper at 6 p.m.

Session Meeting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday (5/10)

Youth Activities from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday (5/11)

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

Choir Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

COMMUNION LITURGY

May the God who is always faithful be with you..

And also with you.

Open your hearts to God this day.

We open them to the One who is the God of all love..

In the midst of uncertainty and fears, we will praise God

Our thanks are offered to the One who walks and waits with us through long nights.

(Pastor Continues)

Holy, holy, holy are you. We join heaven and earth in praising your holy name.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who became a servant. Hosanna in the highest.

(Pastor Continues) ... every time we come to the Table, we remember that mystery called faith:

In remembrance, we mourn Christ's death;

In remembrance, we look to the Day of Resurrection;

In remembrance, we await his return to us.

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given
to the Glory of God
and in memory of Wanda Perez
and in honor of Pat Argyrakís
by the Perez children*

Call to Reconciliation

How are people to recognize us as followers of Jesus? It is very simple – it will be by how we treat people, how we kneel to serve them, how we are willing to share our lives with others. Let us confess together:

Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you. You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love, even though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. We have received all the gifts you have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them.

Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us. What can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness towards us? As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others. As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world. As you have called us together around your Table, may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not only for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation. This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

We have received the good news: God has come in Christ Jesus, to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy.

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"

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children should meet their teachers at the door for Children in Worship)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. Every time we perceive our abundance and give out of it, we engage in an act of resistance against the forces of scarcity, cynicism, and hopelessness about the possibilities for the world around us. Let us resist, give, and participate in God's transformation of us and our world.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer our gifts so that others may not feel alone, eat alone, live alone, be alone, but that they may be surrounded by your grace and love through us and the lives we offer to the. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Here's One" African American Spiritual, arr. T. Fettke

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above y heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE Exodus 24:1–11, John 13:1–38

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM "Now the Green Blade Rises" J.M.C. Crum/arr. S.W. McRae

SERMON "Love One Another"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

HYMN: "We Come As Guests Invited" **GTG #504**

COMMUNION LITURGY (See Insert)

POSTLUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr: P. Keveren

BENEDICTION