

# 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
Kathy Dolianitis	Liturgist
Linda Copeland	Security, side door and offering
Sam Meadema	Greeter
Harriet Beale & Joan Reynolds	Sunday School

# First Presbyterian Church

June 25, 2023



the *JOY*  
of the Lord  
will be my  
*Strength!*

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**OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon**

# 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

*“As the Deer”*

Nystrom/Nevue

### CALL TO WORSHIP

In love and joy God calls us together.

**And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

**Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.**

Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God.

### INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Please fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand. Grant that as Jesus promised, His joy may be in us and our joy may be complete.

### HYMN

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

**GTG#611**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday (6/20)**

**Ladies Night Out Supper** at 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday (6/21)**

**Youth Group Meeting** at 6 p.m.

**Thursday (6/22)**

There will be **NO Thursday choir rehearsal** from June 22nd - July 27th.

**Come, Lift a Song of Joy”**  
**By Sonja Poorman (b. 1956)**

*Refrain:* Come, lift a song of joy to the Lord of all, to the God of creation.

With every heart and voice, come, praise him;  
come, praise Christ the Lord. (*Refrain repeats*)

We kneel before the Lord; he is to be adored.  
How great are his works, how profound his thoughts;  
We praise him evermore. (*Refrain repeats*)

Let the sea resound with a swelling hymn,  
And the world ring forth a chime so strong.  
Let the rivers flow in a dance of joy,  
And the mountains rise in song, in song.

*(Refrain repeats twice – with descant as follows)*

Sing a song to the Lord of all, our God.  
Sing a song, praise him; come, praise Christ the Lord.

Come, lift a song. Lift a song!

**About the Anthem:** This anthem was composed in the early 1990s by living American composer Sonja Poorman Roebuck. Studying Sonja’s lyrics gives us a picture of traditional worship rooted in hymnody set to new, interesting melodies. Her accompaniments are very elaborate, almost programmatic. The piano line illustrates the lyrics which describe the tide swelling the sea, creation ringing like a bell, and rivers dancing over waterfalls.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, we confess that our ways are not Your ways. We look for the easy choice, the easy decision, the easy way out, whether individually or collectively. We do not want to sit in the struggle. We do not want conflict and we have somehow bought into the idea that if we are with believers we ought to get along. We blame others when things don’t work out. We scapegoat and snark and gossip. We forget that we are flawed and human, each one of us, and that our desire for the easy way sometimes is the stumbling block for healthy decisions and growing from our differences. Forgive us, O God. In the name of Jesus, who has led us on the difficult, rough path that leads from death to life, we pray. Amen.

*Silence is kept*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us and Christ prays for us. My friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In 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 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**

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful Father, thank you that you give the gift of abundant, eternal life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Your generosity overflows to us. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God for ever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### OFFERTORY

"My Lord, What a Morning!"  
African American Spiritual, arr. C. Berry

### DOXOLOGY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### ANTHEM

"Come, Lift a Song of Joy" Sonja Poorman

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:1–4, John 16:16–33 (ESV)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with God and Christ now and forevermore. Amen.

### SERMON

"That Your Joy May Be Full"

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Apostles' Creed":*

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

*"Standing on the Promises"*

**GTG#838**

### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

### POSTLUDE

"Heavenly Sunlight"

Cook/Shackley

### BENEDICTION