

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

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| Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart | Minister of Word and Sacrament |
| Ashley Stanley-Robey | Music Director |
| Patricia Taylor | Organist |
| Sam Meadema | Sound |
| Bunny Hayes | Liturgist |
| Kim Meadows | Security, side door and offering |
| Sam Meadema | Greeter |
| Kathy Dolianitis and Joan Reynolds | Sunday School |

First Presbyterian Church

June 4, 2023

11 a.m.



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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 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* Jackson/Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP

The word of God comes to us:

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.”

The word of God comes to us:

“I appointed you to speak my word.”

We may believe we are too young, or too old,

too tall or too short,

too loud or too quiet,

too ignorant or too cynical.

Still, the word of God comes to us.

Still, we have come here, to worship,

where we can listen more closely

so we can speak more faithfully.

May our mouths be filled with God’s praise, and with God’s glory all day long.

INVOCATION

Majestic Creator God, God before time, we find you in the heavens above us: Light beyond light, our beginning before all beginnings. God With Us, we find you here on earth, all around us: You make your home in our fellowship and communion, our daily bread, and in your church, the body of Christ.

Spirit of Pentecostal fire, Holy Ghost, we find you burning in truth, ministering with comfort, and interceding with us with sighs too deep for words. God, stretch our imaginations! Open our eyes to see you in your majesty above us, your mystery around us, and your Spirit always with us. In your Son’s name we pray, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday (6/6)

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

Property Committee at 7 p.m.

Wednesday (6/7)

NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING THIS WEEK

Thursday (6/8)

Kitchen Cleanup from 9 to 12. Please let Jackie Rochford or Jackson Weller know if you are available.

NEXT SUNDAY:

Called Session meeting at 10 a.m. in the chapel

Baptisms and Confirmation during morning worship

“I Come with Joy”

***Dove of Peace* from Southern Harmony, 1835**

Lyricist Brian Arthur Wren (b. 1936) | Arranger Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
man’s true community of love in Christ’s communion bread.

And thus, with joy we meet our Lord, His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we’ll live and speak his praise.

Communion Preparation & Liturgy

Let us confess our faith in God the Holy Spirit:

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

Prayer: Father, you have filled your people with the Spirit who rested on your Son and united us in your church; open channels for your Spirit that we may freely work together and your kingdom and your rule increase.

HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy" **GTG#1**

PRAYER: "What Shall I Say to You, My God?"
—A prayer by the theologian Karl Rahner (1904-84)

What can I say to you, my God? Shall I collect together all the words that praise your holy Name?

Shall I give you all the names of this world—you, the Unnameable? Shall I call you "God of my life, meaning of my existence, hallowing of my acts, my journey's end, bitterness of my bitter hours, home of my loneliness, you my most treasured happiness"? Shall I say: Creator, Sustainer, Pardoner, Near One, Distant One, Incomprehensible One, God both of flowers and stars, God of the gentle wind and of terrible battles, Wisdom, Power, Loyalty, and Truthfulness, Eternity and Infinity, you the All-merciful, you are the Just One, you Love itself?

HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" **GTG#4**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

POSTLUDE "Postlude in F Major" J.S. Bach

BENEDICTION

HYMN

"Earth and All Stars!"

GTG#26

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Holy and triune God, You alone live in perfect relationship, One God in three persons, Mutual and loving, Ever seeking reconciliation and unity.

You have called us to live in your completion, yet We confess that our relationships are imperfect and We are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are anxious and resenting. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another And from you.

Forgive us and restore us, Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace, May we strive toward gratitude and grace In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, By the working power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Today, receive the Bread of Life; today, hear the words of eternal hope; today, trust in the One who hears your prayers, and showers grace and forgiveness upon you. **Today, we are set free to serve God's people, and to sing God's praises. Thanks be to God. 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 and their teachers should come forward for a blessing.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, as you are faithful to us, may we be faithful to you:
**Faithful with our time and energy; faithful with our possessions and wealth.
Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power
of the Holy Spirit to make real your reign of love, justice, and peace in our
world. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *"Jesus Paid It All"* E.M. Hall, arr. Greg Howlett

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

ANTHERM *"I Come with Joy"* arr. A. Lovelace

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 1:4–10, John 15:12–27

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.**

SERMON

"I Chose You"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN: *"I Will Come To You"* **GTG#177**

COMMUNION LITURGY **(See Insert)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Dear friends in Christ, we have come together on this Trinity Sunday to celebrate in word and song and to affirm our faith in God, the Three in One. As we stand in God's presence, let us pray:

Almighty God, before you angels sang for joy when you created with your voice the heavens and the earth. **Hear our voice this day and accept our praise and thanksgiving for the gift of speech and song, which we on earth share with the heavenly host.**

O Jesus Christ, you are the Word made flesh, the firstborn of many sisters and brothers in the family of God who have heard your music in their hearts. **Open the ears of our hearts this day, that all we say and all we sing may reveal you in us and us in you, whose body and voice we are in this world.**

O Holy Spirit, with tongues of fire you have inspired the speech and song of evangelists, preachers, poets, and musicians. **Visit us this day to kindle anew the fire of love and the light of understanding, that your church may live in the counterpoint of community.**

O Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, you are three persons in one God living in harmony. As your church, our many voices, our many lives, become one chorus to praise your holy name. **Bless our coming together now so that we, in communion with your saints, may hear your voice and sing your words this day and always. Amen.**

Let us confess our faith in God, the Father: **We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.** God the Redeemer (Son)

Let us confess our faith in God the Son using the words of the Nicene Creed: **We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, ... whose kingdom shall have no end.**