

# 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

Ray Beale

Sound

Brenna Takata

Liturgist

David Swann

Security, Side Door, Offering

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Greeter

# First Presbyterian Church

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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

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

Gordon/Seidel

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-2; 95:1-2

O Lord, open our lips,  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

It is good to praise the Lord  
and make music to your name, O Most High,  
**to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night.**

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
**Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.**

### INVOCATION

Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it, we praise you.

Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song, we praise you. Yours is the glory. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August 29**

**Ladies dinner** out at 5:30 p.m. with place to be announced

**August 30**

**Youth Activities** from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**August 31**

**Choir rehearsal** at 4:30 p.m.

**September 5**

**Eat Out to Help Out!** Eat out at a participating restaurant to support God's Storehouse.

**September 10**

**One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering to be collected.

### Helpers Needed

The Saturday Lunch Ministry is in need of volunteers to lead the Bible Study for our Saturday guests. Materials will be provided for your use.

The Flower Ministry is in need of a leader to coordinate our Sunday Flowers and helpers to distribute those flowers to those unable to attend the weekly service.

To help with these areas of ministry call the church office at 434-792-7822 and leave a message on Option 1.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken on Sunday, September 10th. This opportunity, normally emphasized during the Lenten season, is the single largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. By supporting three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger program and Self-Development of People, we restore hope, feed the hungry and empower the oppressed. Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through OGHS to share God's love with people experiencing need. There will be a special envelope in the September 10th bulletin, and checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church with OGHS on the memo line.

***“He Keeps Me Singing”*** c. 1909  
Luther Burgess Bridgers (1884-1948)

There’s within my heart a melody; Jesus whispers sweet and low,  
“Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,” In all of life’s ebb and flow. Refrain

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, discord filled my heart with pain,  
Jesus swept across the broken strings, stirred the slumb’ring chords again. Refrain

Feasting on the riches of His grace, resting ‘neath His shelt’ring wing,  
Always looking on His smiling face, that is why I shout and sing. Refrain

Tho’ sometimes He leads thro’ waters deep, trials fall across the way,  
Tho’ sometimes the path seems rough and steep, see His footprints all the way. Re-  
frain

Soon He’s coming back to welcome me far beyond the starry sky;  
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown, I shall reign with Him on high. Refrain

**Refrain:** Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,  
Fills my ev’ry longing, keeps me singing as I go.

About this Hymn:

This hymn is beloved by many Christians for its upbeat, happy tune and its beautiful imagery. Luther Bridgers was born in Margarettsville, North Carolina near the Virginia-Carolina state line. He was the son of a revivalist preacher, and the eleventh great-grandson of Lawrence Bridger, the Rector of St. John the Evangelist Church in Gloucestershire, UK. He pastored a Methodist Episcopal Church in Florida for two years before embarking on the revival circuit for twenty-three years. Rev. Bridgers wrote at least fifteen hymns and composed at least nine tunes for them.

**HYMN**

*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

**GTG#267**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather!**

**As we praise you, though, our own inadequacy reminds us  
of how we have broken our relationship with you.**

**Because we have sinned against you,  
even our worship fails to be what it could.  
We often treat it as a show. We simply go through motions,  
failing to recognize that you want to engage us deeply.**

**Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love.  
Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name  
of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Isaiah 43:1)

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.*

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We are living, breathing messages of God's love for the world. This is our work of faith and our labor of love and our steadfastness of hope in Jesus Christ. Like the earliest Christians, we are here in this place because of the commitment and faith and generosity of others who shared the good news of the gospel in their time. So we turn now, in our time, and share our faith and our commitment through generous giving to support the ministry of this church in Christ's name. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise

### OFFERTORY

*"Let All Things Now Living"* Welsh tune, 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

### ANTHEM

*"He Keeps Me Singing"* L. B. Bridgers

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, we come today to remember the great things you have done for us – to rejoice in your tender mercies that come new every morning. Today “may our aim be to reach that state of happiness in which no trouble shall distress us, and nor error mislead us.” Teach us your precepts. In Christ name we pray. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:18-20 and Colossians 3:16

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

### SERMON

*"Happy Church: Instruments of Praise"*

## 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

*"When in Our Music God is Glorified"*

**GTG#641**

### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

### POSTLUDE

*"Postlude"*

J.S. Bach

### BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God, the giver of every good and perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with us all. **Amen.**