

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
Eddie Blount	Security, side door and offering
Brenna Takata	Greeter
David Swann and Brenna Takata	Communion

First Presbyterian Church

August 6, 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 "Gentle Shepherd" Gaither

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, do you love the God who hovered over the face of the deep and called the worlds into being?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then feed God's children.

Children of God, do you love the God who was revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then take care of God's children.

Children of God, do you love the God who breathes new life into us even as we gather this day?

Yes, you know that we do.

Then feed God's children.

INVOCATION

Let us shift into silence in God's presence with this simple prayer based on Psalm 46:10.

Be still and know that I am God. *(Breathe slowly)*

Be still and know that I am. *(Breathe slowly)*

Be still and know. *(Breathe slowly)*

Be still. *(Breathe slowly)*

Be. *(Breathe slowly) (Breathe in silence)*

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 8

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

Session meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 9

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

August 10

Choir rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

September 10

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be collected.

October 1

Crop Walk to support the reduction of hunger.

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Lyrics: Dorothy Thrupp, Ashley Stanley | Music: William Bradbury

Savior, like a shepherd, lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow’r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Savior, like a shepherd, teach us to serve neighbors who have need.
Thou, in pastures verdant keep us, help us all Thy lambs to feed.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast given all we have.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, help us daily feed Thy lambs.

HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King “

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CALL TO CONFESSION

We are standing at the gate, o loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do as we pray together:.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd’s voice. Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Forgive us our stubbornness and stupidity. For we ask this in Christ’s Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in his loving care. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. 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

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Day by Day"

Ahnfelt, arr. 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

ANTHEM

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Thrupp/Stanley, Bradbury

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 11:18–12:6, John 21:1–25

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Feed My Sheep"

HYMN

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

WORDS OF INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

"Gavotte"

S. Wesley

BENEDICTION