

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
Eddie Blount	Sound
Brenna Takata	Liturgist
David Clark	Security, side door and offering
Randy Brooks	Greeter
David Swann and Brenna Takata	Communion February 4

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 worshipers 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.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“A Psalm of Praise”

While Hutson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 27 Men's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

January 30 Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.

January 31 Youth Activities at 6p.m.

February 1 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

February 3 Session Retreat 9:00 a.m.-3:00

The Scholarship Committee will be soon be announcing the application guidelines and deadlines for this year's scholarships. If you or someone you know will be applying, begin now gathering your supporting documents:

- Transcript for 2023-24 year or high school transcript
- Statement of Faith
- Two Letters of Recommendation

Details and Deadlines coming soon

List of Session members by Class:

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

Class of 2024:Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann

Class of 2025:David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*

Class of 2026: Randy Brooks, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Meadows

*Denotes Steering Committee Members

“The Grace Divine”

Lyricist: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) | Arranger: Roger Price

Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
Give up ourselves, thru Jesus’ pow’r, His name to glorify;
And promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;
We will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;
And if Thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.
Come and meet us now.

Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,
Present with Thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;
To each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,
And register our names on high and keep us to that day!

About the Anthem:

This tune is called RESIGNATION and appeared in *Southern Harmony* (the source of the tune for ‘Amazing Grace’ among many other hymns, and choral and instrumental pieces). We are used to hearing it with the lyrics of Psalm 23, “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need.” American composer Roger Price has blended this familiar tune with Charles Wesley’s lyrics about the overwhelming grace of Jesus Christ.

These lyrics are an affirmation of our faith – by singing them we renew our commitment to living for Christ, we state our belief in the Holy Trinity, and we ask forgiveness for all our sins. Christ’s sacrifice “takes our sins away,” as Charles Wesley wrote, our names are written in the Book of Life, and God is always with us.

INVOCATION

Almighty and Amazing God, we come before You in awe and wonder that You have made another day. You have made the heavens and the earth and the vast universe that surrounds us, and You made each of us in Your image. We can’t begin to imagine everything that You have done for us and all that You do in the universe. Nonetheless, we set aside this time and space to give You praise, to bring our prayers before You, and to share together in thanksgiving and love in this time of worship. Guide our hearts and minds to follow You in all Your ways. Amen.

HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

GTG#625

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ’s invitation. Let us seek God’s forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

With gratitude for God’s faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Salvation”

Lani Smith

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"The Grace Divine"

arr. Roger Price

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:21-28

SERMON

“It was the Sabbath and So They Came”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen

HYMN

“To God Be The Glory”

GTG#634

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

“Toccata Breve”

Edward Broughton

BENEDICTION