

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 E. Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
C. B. Strange	Sound
Jackie Rochford	Liturgist
Sam Meadema	Security, side door and offering
David Swann	Greeter

BUDGET UPDATE

	Jan 24	YTD
Contributions	\$33,289.50	\$33,289.50
Expenditures	\$48,682.37	\$48,682.37
Difference	(\$15,392.87)	(\$15,392.87)

First Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2024

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.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“God’s Love Shine on You”* *J.S. Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord,
I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters.
In the midst of the congregation I will praise you!
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him.
Stand in awe of him!
For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted.
He did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord.
All the families of the nations shall worship before him.
Posterity will serve him.
Future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, we trust in You and in Your word completely. We praise You and honor You for the gift of eternal life, made possible for us by the death of Your only Son for our sins. We bow down before Him, Jesus Christ, the One You raised from the dead. We offer up our prayers to You, through the One seated at Your right hand in glory. We know that we can depend on Your saving presence each day of our lives, for Jesus Christ intercedes for us daily. Fill us now with Your Holy Spirit, so our worship and praise will be acceptable in Your sight,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 26	VIP Committee at 1p.m. Christian Education Committee at 4:30
February 27	Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.
February 28	Youth Activities at 6 p.m.
February 29	Bible Study at 10:30 Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

Session:

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 Wimer

*Denotes Steering Committee Members

*The flowers that enhance our worship today are given in honor
of Judy Small (Jackie’s sister)*

by Jackie Rochford

“At the Name of Jesus”

Noel Nouvelet | Arranger: James Kirkby (b. 1949) Lyricist: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

At the name of Jesus, ev’ry knee shall bow,
Ev’ry tongue confess him King of Glory now;
It is his pleasure, we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name
From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,
Gladly he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
Through the ranks of creatures to the central height,
Before the throne and to the Father’s breast;
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue,
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown as your Captain in temptation’s hour,
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

About the Anthem:

These lyrics were written by an English hymnographer and poet, Caroline Maria Noel, around 1870. She enjoyed writing poetry as a teenager but put aside the hobby for many years. When she was thirty-five years old, she became very ill and was almost bedridden for the last twenty-five years of her life. During her extended illness, she resumed writing poetry and published a book of poems intended to comfort the sick and lonely. This hymn text is her most popular work; it appears in several hymnals across the United Kingdom and here in the United States.

HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

GTG#339

CALL TO CONFESSION *(based on Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16, Mark 8:31–38; Romans 4:13–25)*

Gracious God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream— that you would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope— and, through faith in you, they believed your promises.

Forgive us, O God, if we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption.

Faithful God, the apostle Paul emphasizes Abraham's complete trust and faith in your promises and how he grew ever stronger in faith, fully convinced of your ability to fulfil what had been promised.

Forgive us, O God, when we find it hard even to hear your promises above commercial assurances of transformation— promises tempting us to trust the newest and trendiest product to realize our dreams.

Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life.

Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you;

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Help us when we hesitate,

and strengthen us when we are weak

Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives— so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear and believe these words about God's amazing grace, grace experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love, as forgiveness of sins. Amen

Thanks be to God!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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”.

THE 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

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the good news of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen

OFFERTORY *"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"* E. Boatner
Soloist - Ray Hayes | Upright Bass - Greg Robey

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

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.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Mark 8:31-38
SERMON “Check or Carry-on”

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 *“Lift High the Cross”* GTG#826

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE *“Come, We Who Love the Lord”* L. Smith

BENEDICTION