

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 |
| David Clark | Sound |
| Jackie Rochford | Liturgist |
| Brenna Takata | Security, side door and offering |
| David Swann | Greeter |
| David Swann and Brenna Takata | Communion |
| Team 2 in Charge | Wednesday Dinner 2/7 |

First Presbyterian Church

February 4, 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. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” E. Wirth

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 147

Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

INVOCATION Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation. Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe. Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today. Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

HYMN “We Come To You for Healing Lord” GTG#796

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even as we enter into the presence of God, we exclaim with Isaiah: “Woe is me, I am a person of unclean ways, dwelling among a tainted people.” If we claim we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Trusting in the steadfast love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord, let us pray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 3** Session Retreat 9:00 a.m.-3:00
- February 5** Day Circle at 12:30 p.m.
Evening Circle at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Karan Johnson, 320 Hawthorne Drive.
- February 6** Handbell Choir at 5:00 p.m.
- February 7** Wednesday Night Dinner and Youth Activities at 6 p.m.
- February 8** Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.
- February 11** Souper Bowl of Caring will be collected on February 11
- February 14** Ash Wednesday Service

Menu for Dinner: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Dessert

The **Membership Committee** is restarting the **VIP Committee**. If you can commit to visiting one or two of our VIP Shut-ins monthly, contact Jackie Rochford

Scholarship Applications may be picked up at the church office. Guidelines for the application are printed on the form. The deadline for new and returning applicants is April 30. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

List of Session members

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

COMMUNION LITURGY

WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Hear now our silent prayers of confession:

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

You love us with an eternal love and we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts would be used to extend your kingdom in our land. May you, the God of all grace, who has called us into eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us holy, strong and filled with peace. To you be glory and honor for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"O Happy Day"

Gregory Robey, Trombonist

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

“Communion Canon”

Schram and Lorenz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

“Too Busy Not To Pray”

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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

GTG#12

COMMUNION LITURGY

POSTLUDE

“A Festal Fanfare”

J. S. Bach

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Sent Forth With God’s Blessing”

SENT FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS

The congregation should join the choir in singing.

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, be now extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,
The tasks of our ev'ry-day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
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By Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956) and Niel Lorenz

Refrain: Your sacrifice has made me whole,
Healed my heart and touched my soul.
Humbly I take this bread, this wine;
Your blood, Your body, Your love divine.

This sacred day, Your shining face I see!
I hear You say, “Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Refrain repeats twice.

About the Anthem:

The words of this anthem center our minds on the Lord’s Supper as a sacrament. Jesus’ sacrifice at Calvary made each of us whole and healed our souls. It is important to remember that every time we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we are remembering Christ’s life, ministry, and crucifixion. We are in a sacred time and space when we approach the Communion Table.

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