

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

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 |
| Sound | Ray Beale |
| Liturgist | Nancy Clayton |
| Greeter | Sam Meadema |
| Side door/Offering/Saturday Lunch | David Clark |

BUDGET UPDATE

| | May 1 – 31 | YTD |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Contributions | \$13,623.77 | \$145,988.36 |
| Expenditures | \$55,632.80 | \$215,153.38 |
| Difference | (-\$42,009.03) | (-\$69,165.02) |

First Presbyterian Church

June 23, 2024



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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.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ABERYSTWYTH

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O Lord. You are the one who lifts me up, so that I may recount all your praises and rejoice in your deliverance.

INVOCATION:

Lord, we have come this day, seeking your presence and healing love. Be with us as we hear the words of hope and compassion. Give us courage to learn and grow that we might serve you faithfully all of our days. AMEN.

HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" GTG#610

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 25

Youth Activities at 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 26

CHOIR REHEARSAL at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 29

Saturday Lunch Ministry at 11 a.m.

Sunday, July 7

Dr. Jonna Reeder will be attending the Outlook Class and participating in Sunday worship.

Prayer for the Congregation This Week

Lord, let me see my church with honesty and open eyes. Help me to grasp where we have gotten out of balance with inward and outward ministries. And give our church a vision to make a difference in our community. Even more, God, use me to be a catalyst and instrument for the changes that must take place in our church.

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

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hid, till the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

“Sheltered in the Arms of God”

I feel the touch of hands so kind and tender.
They're leading me in paths that I must tread.
I have no fear, for Jesus walks beside me, for I'm sheltered in the arms of God.

Refrain: So let the storms rage high, the dark clouds rise.
They won't worry me, for I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God.
He walks with me, and naught of earth shall harm me,
for I'm sheltered in the arms of God.

Soon I shall hear the call from heaven's portals,
“Come home, My child. It's the last mile you must tread.”
I'll fall asleep and wake in God's new heaven, sheltered safe within the arms of God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

SILENT PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayers.

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

In response to God’s abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God’s kingdom.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today, and ask that you bless them. Bless the money in the plates that it might be saved, stewarded and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week – until we meet again – that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

OFFERTORY*“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

arr. P.L. Harris

DOXOLOGY**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *“Sheltered in the Arms of God”*
Rambo/Jarvis, arr. Duren

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE**

Passages from Acts

SERMON*“The Right Conditions for Powerful Prayer”***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*“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”***GTG#408****CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP****POSTLUDE***“Ein Feste Burg”*

arr. J. Walther

BENEDICTION