

# 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

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
David Parris	Sound
Dr. Jonna Reeder	Liturgist
David Clark	Side door/offering/Saturday Lunch
Kathy Dolianitis	Greeter
Barry Cutright and Gail Jones	Communion Servers

## 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

July 7, 2024



# 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

**MOMENT FOR MISSIONS**            *"Praying For Refugees"*            Dr. Jonna Reeder

**PRELUDE**                            "The Love of God"                            J. Krug

### CALL TO WORSHIP

My hope is in God.

#### **Who made heaven and earth!**

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

### INVOCATION

You bind us to yourself this day, God of seraphim and sinners. You reach out to draw us ever closer, that we might feel the brush of your grace soft upon us, that we might feel the healing touch of your compassion resting gently within us.

You bind us to yourself this day, Heir of Glory and Grace. You keep us by your side, that we might walk with you through the streets of the kingdom, bringing hope to the despairing, offering consolation to the brokenhearted, sharing love with those tossed aside by the world.

You bind us to yourself this day, Spirit of Justice. You fill our hearts with living water that they might overflow to parched people, you teach us how to give ourselves away, so we might take on the burdens of others.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

**Sunday, July 7**                            **Dr. Jonna Reeder** speaking in Outlook Class at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

**Monday, July 8-13**                            **Son Servants meeting in our church.** You are welcome to join them in evening worship at **7 p.m. each evening.**

**Wednesday, July 10**                            **Finance Committee** at 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, July 14**                            **Administrative Committee** meets at 9 a.m.

### 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

# Let Us Break Bread Together

Traditional Spiritual | Arranger: Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

## About the Anthem:

Arlen Ronald Clarke was born and raised in New York state before heading to Belhaven University in Jackson Mississippi for college. After he graduated a year early (in 1976), Arlen headed to Southern Methodist University in Dallas for a year before pursuing his Master of Music in Vocal Performance at Texas Christian University. He then spent six years as an officer in the U.S. Army. Upon his honorable discharge, Arlen first worked as a singer and the composer in residence at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri. He was then appointed to be Director of Choral activities at his alma mater, Belhaven University. Arlen has since relocated to Greenville, South Carolina, where he serves as the choirmaster at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He also directs Concordiae, a small a cappella ecclesiastical choir. Arlen has composed over three hundred pieces of music, primarily choral music for worship at St. Mary's. He has also completed five works for choir with orchestra, two orchestral symphonic poems, and four orchestral concerti.

In studying Mr. Clarke's life, what impressed me most was his intentional rest in between projects and jobs. Arlen is an excellent example of seeking mental and physical rest, as well as God's peace, before taking up a new task or project.

## HYMN

*"Great Are You Lord"*

**GTG#614**

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Called to be God's people, we know how often we act as spoiled and petulant children. Yet, like a mother, God looks past our mistakes to see our hearts. Like a father, God lifts us to our feet to put us back on the path to life. Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens, and then forgives us with unceasing grace.

### UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

**In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.**

**In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

**No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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"*

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In grace, we bind ourselves to those who have no life;  
in hope, we bind ourselves to those who live in despair;  
in peace, we bind ourselves to all damaged by violence and hate;  
in gratitude, we offer our gifts and bind ourselves to you, O God, in the work of justice, love, and wonder as you build your community in our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### OFFERTORY

*"Amen"*

J. Krug

### DOXOLOGY

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### ANTHEM

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

arr. Arlen Clarke

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Today, we stand before You, travelers at heart, seeking Your light to illuminate the paths before us. In the landscape of life's complexities, grant us the wisdom to discern the threads of truth and grace. Lord, guide our steps so that we may navigate the intricacies of this world with the compass of Your wisdom.

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:5–23; Romans 8:12–17

### SERMON

"Our Father—Adopted Sons and Daughters"

### HYMN

*"For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"*

*Screen*

Biblical Reference: Galatians 5:1, 19, 22-23

Tune: ("I Sing the Mighty Power of God"; "Hail To the Lord's Anointed") ([MIDI](#))

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## COMMUNION LITURGY

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God the Life, God the Hope, God the Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Children of the most Holy, open your hearts to the One who has created you.

**We open ourselves to the mystery  
we know as the Trinitarian One.**

Heirs of salvation and joint heirs of grace, give thanks to the One who loves you forever.

**We lift our praise to God, crying out with all creation, 'Glory! Glory! Glory!'**

... Therefore we lift our voices, with those who worship you in every time and place, singing your glory forever and ever:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of glory and grace. All creation dances in joy before you.  
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to bring us life.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

...So, here in this holy time of celebration, here at the sacred feast prepared for us, we would speak of that mystery we call faith:

**We remember Christ's death;  
we remember Christ's resurrection;  
we remember Christ will come again in glory.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### POSTLUDE

"Sing Praise to God"

C. Callahan

### BENEDICTION