

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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "God Will Take Care of You" W.S. Martin/arr. Berry
CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111:1-4)

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of 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.

INVOCATION

Dear Heavenly Father,
As we gather in your name, we humbly seek your divine guidance during this worship service. Be the beacon that illuminates our path, the compass that directs our hearts, and the wisdom that guides our thoughts. May your presence be felt in every word spoken and every note sung. We trust in your infinite wisdom and pray for your guidance to lead us on the righteous path. May your light shine upon us, O Lord, as we navigate the challenges of life. Grant us the clarity of vision to discern your will and the strength to follow it. In your holy name, we offer our gratitude and say,
Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Monday Administrative Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Activities
Thursday Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday Saturday Lunch Ministry

News from Missionaries

Matthew and Teresa Lee have been our supported missionaries in Cameroon working for Wycliffe Bible Translators. They married in 2013 when Teresa joined him in West Africa as a kindergarten teacher. Together they have worked in this ministry on local, regional, and international levels. The goal of their ministry in Cameroon has always been for it to become self-sustainable in the country they serve. Many of the people they have trained are ready to take on more responsibility. Now the Lees face a time of transition.

The family has grown to three, including a baby daughter. In addition, Matthew faces some health issues that are best treated in the U.S. Therefore, they are returning to the East Coast before moving to Dallas, where Matthew will resume a position at Dallas International University, continuing to serve Wycliffe Ministry by teaching language technology and helping prepare the next generation of missionaries. The Lees ask for prayer in this time of such change for their family. He included this verse: "If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." (Psalms 139: 9-10 NIV)

Let us at FPC continue to pray for Matthew, Teresa, and baby Lee as they serve Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Text: Psalm 23, Isaac Watts (1674-1848)

Tune: American folk melody, Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828

Harmonization: Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012)

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

HYMN

"Lead On O King Eternal"

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CALL TO CONFESSION: God looks at us, to see if we are wise enough to offer confession, to receive forgiveness, and to seek to know the healing love of Christ. Let us prove our wisdom, and set aside our foolish pride, as we pray

You must shake your head in wonder at our ways, Keeper of the Covenant. How can we say we want wisdom, when we foolishly squander the knowledge we have of your ways? How can we claim to follow you, when we walk the slippery roads of the world not caring where they lead us? How can we desire your great and steadfast love, when the simple seductions of our society are in full view every day?

How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people, Perfect Wisdom? Yet, that is exactly what you do: and our greed turns to gratitude, our pettiness to praise, our tantrums to thanksgiving, as hope and joy become our blessing through the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers may be offered.

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, God sent redemption for all.
In Christ, God feeds our hungry souls.
In Christ, God gives the cup of salvation
to thirsty people.

**We give thanks to God for everything:
forgiveness, hope, new life. 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"*

*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*"Italian Hymn"*

F. Giardini/C. Callahan

DOXOLOGY*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow**Praise Him all creatures here below**Praise Him above ye heavenly host**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****ANTHEM***"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"* Watts/Grotenhuis**SCRIPTURE***Matt. 8:23-25***SERMON***"Lead Me, Guide Me"***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*"Lead Me, Guide Me"***GTG#740****CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP****POSTLUDE***"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* Purcell/D. Burton**BENEDICTION**