

# 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
Sound	Eddie Blount
Liturgist	Jackson Weller
Greeter	Eddie Blount
Side door/Offering/Saturday Lunch	Randy Brooks

## BUDGET UPDATE

	July 1 - 31	YTD
Contributions	\$10,768.18	\$219,447.84
Expenditures	\$40,260.42	\$295,834.63
Difference	(-\$29,492.24)	(-\$76,386.79)

# First Presbyterian Church

August 25, 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.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**                      *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*      Swedish/D. Burton

### “CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts.

**My soul yearns and is filled with longing for the courts of the LORD.**

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**Just as the sparrow searches for a home and the swallow builds a nest for herself where she may place her young, so do I seek your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

### INVOCATION

Dear Lord,  
In the splendor of your holiness, we approach your throne with reverence and awe. May this worship service be a moment of profound reverence, where we recognize your majesty and glory. Fill our hearts with a sense of wonder and humility as we stand in your presence. As we bow before your greatness, may our reverence inspire deeper devotion and unwavering faith. With reverence and awe, we say, Amen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

**Monday**

**Christian Education** meets at 4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**

**Youth Activities** at 6 p.m.

**Thursday**

**Choir Rehearsal** at 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

**Saturday Lunch Ministry** at 11:30 a.m.

### 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

# How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

**Text: Psalm 84 | Composer: Samuel Liddle (1867-1951)**

**Arranger: Tom Fettke (b. 1941)**

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!  
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord;  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,  
And the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,  
Even Thine altars, even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,  
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.  
My King and my God, my God.

Very little is known about British composer Samuel Liddle. He was known during his lifetime for writing beautiful ballads. He set eight Christina Rossetti poems to music, in a collection called "A Birthday." Other than those art songs, Liddle's settings of Psalm 84 and Psalm 23 are his only well-known compositions.

Tom Fettke is a very famous composer, arranger, choir director, and clinician. He has been publishing music for over fifty years, mostly for church and school choirs. Fettke says his journey as a composer began as a result of his next-door neighbor inviting his family to attend their small church. He started directing choirs as a teenager. After completing a very popular anthem, Mr. Fettke was quoted as saying, "I knew, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that I was only a tool in the hands of God to display His handiwork." As a clinician, he encourages all musically gifted people to use their gifts to glorify the living God.

**HYMN**

*"Majesty"*

**INSERT**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Trusting that God is always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, let us turn to God in prayer, seeking forgiveness and new life.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

John's Gospel tells us: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17). Christ forgives us and makes us whole. Christ fills us with life and sets us free for love. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace

## **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

When Christ abides in us and we abide in him, we can see that everything we have is a gift from God. The gifts of time, talent and treasure God has entrusted us with are not to be hoarded, but to be shared, to give life to others as Christ gives life to us. Let us now return to God a portion of what God has so generously given to us

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we thank you that we have heard your words of eternal life today. As a sign of our gratitude, we offer you these gifts. Take what we have given and multiply it for the good: the good of our faith community, the good of our neighbors, and the good of the world you so love. Shape and mold us so that our whole lives become a loving response to your goodness. In the name of the one whose life gives life to the world, Jesus Christ, Amen

## OFFERTORY

*"Pleading Savior"*

American tune/R. Proulx

## 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

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION** *"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"* Liddle/arr. T. Fettke

## SCRIPTURE

Revelation 5:13

*"And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" (NKJV)*

## SERMON

*"To God Be The Glory"*

## 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

*"Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty"*

**GTG#35**

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## POSTLUDE

*"My Redeemer"*

C. Callahan

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

*"Now Unto Him"*

Olive Wood