

THE SERVICE of Worship

October 23, 2022
Season of Stewardship
Music Appreciation Sunday
10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH of
RICHARDSON

Responding to God's love and grace, we WORSHIP with joy, NURTURE with faith, and SERVE others with love.

Today's choral music adapted from René Clausen's *A New Creation*.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROLOGUE

"In the Beginning Was the Word"
Shannon Talley, Peter Tiggelaar, Max Bitner

John 1:1, 4-5, 14

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.
In him was life, and the life was the light of all.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"The Church's One Foundation"
The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir
Becky Lormor, Director; Edwin Walker, Organ
For reflection, please see Glory to God 321

AURELIA
Samuel S. Wesley
Arr. Paul A. McKlveen

*CALL TO WORSHIP | *Responsively*

We gather as a community of faith:

To remember our roots as beloved children of God.

We gather as a community of love:

To meet Christ and to follow in his footsteps.

We gather as a community of hope:

To listen to the Spirit's call for this new season in our life together.

Let us worship the Triune God!

*HYMN OF THE CREATION | "Earth and All Stars"

Glory to God 26

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *Unison*

Rev. Thom Shuman

**Your words are given to us, Author of Life,
so we might be reformed,**

but we are intent on changing others.

Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed,

but we are focused on conforming to our culture.

Your words are spoken to lead us into new life,

but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

Forgive us, God of Wonder.

Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.

Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith,

**even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace
and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Amen.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

CHORAL RESPONSE

“All Flesh is Grass”

1 Peter 1:24-25

The Sanctuary Choir, Ralph Stannard, Director
Edwin Walker, Organist

*All flesh is grass, and its glory as the flower of grass;
the grass withers and the flower fades,
but the word of the Lord endures forever.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS | *Responsively*

Rev. Thom Shuman

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service.

The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

We are forgiven people.

May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ,

God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“O Be Joyful”

Psalm 100:1-2

*O be joyful in the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before God with a song.*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME FOR TINY THEOLOGIANs

Pastor Rosy

ANTHEM

“The Call”

Text by George Herbert

The Sanctuary Choir, Jenny James, Soloist

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life;
such a Way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife,
such a Life as conquers death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength;
such a Light as shows a feast,
such a feast that mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
such a Joy as none can move,
such a Love as none can part,
such a Heart as joys in love.*

GOSPEL READING

John 6:38, 51

SOLO

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Lauren Carter, soloist

*I am the bread of life,
who so comes to me shall never hunger,
and who so believes in me shall never thirst.
I am the living bread from heaven.
If you eat this bread you shall live forever.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SOLO

“The Greatest of These is Love”
Peter Tiggelaar, Solo

1 Corinthians 13:1-2, 4-8

*If I speak in tongues of mortals and of angels,
but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mystery, all knowledge,
and if I have faith to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude;
love does not insist on its own way; love does not rejoice in the wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*

ANTHEM

“Set Me As a Seal”
The Sanctuary Choir

Song of Songs 8:6-7

*Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love;
neither can the floods drown it.*

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:26-27

SOLO QUARTET

“The Spirit Helps Us”
Shannon Talley, Jenny James, Peter Tiggelaar, Max Bitner

*The Spirit helps us in our weakness,
for we know not how to pray.
The spirit pleads for us,
with sighs too deep for words;
and God, who searches us,
knows the mind of the Spirit.

(Ezekiel 36:26, 28)
A new heart I will give you,
and a new spirit I will put within you.
You shall be my people
and I shall be your God.*

*HYMN OF THE SPIRIT | “Spirit, Open My Heart”

Glory to God 692

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Gift of Grace”
The Ruth Greer Handbell Choir
Becky Lormor, Director; Alexandra Salinas, Flute*
For reflection, please see Glory to God 649

Based on *AMAZING GRACE*
Setting by Arnold B. Sherman

*DOXOLOGY | “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Glory to God 608

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
 more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING ANTHEM

“A New Creation”
The Sanctuary Choir

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, whoever is in Christ is a new creation.
The old has passed away; you are a new creation.
Behold the new has come! Alleluia!*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Tocatta in Seven”
Edwin Walker, Organist

John Rutter
(b. 1945)



*Guest flutist Alexandra Salinas is a junior at Wylie High School,
where she plays in the Wind Symphony and studies flute privately with Kirsten Guerra.

