

*Our Vision*  
***God Nourishes All to Grow***

*Our Mission*  
***Inspiring All to Love and Serve with Christ***



***First Presbyterian Church***

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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING MUSIC

Minuet – David Terry  
But Now I See – Richard A. Williamson  
Prelude on *Germany* – arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice – Robert Elmore

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Come, let us present ourselves before our God.

Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

**Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.**

**We find strength for living as we praise God together.**

Lay down your arrogance and false pride.

Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

**We pour out our souls before the living God.**

**We do not withhold from God our misery and distress.**

God grants our petitions and gives us peace.

The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

**In God's presence there is fullness of joy.**

**As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** (unison)

**Our hearts exalt in you, O God. All knowledge has its origin in you. Our deepest hungers are satisfied as you give counsel and instruct our hearts. Be known to us now, that our covenant relationship with you may be strengthened. Give confidence to all who enter this sanctuary, that our faith may grow, our love expand, and our hope find fulfillment. Show us the path of life, and grant us courage to walk in your ways. Amen.**

**HYMN #733**

**We All Are One in Mission**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us approach God in all truth, confessing the deeds and distractions that have kept us from honoring God and divided us from other people. We cannot undo all the wrongs we have done, but we can be cleansed from an evil conscience to live a more wholesome and joyous life. Let us pray together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Mighty God, we confess the arrogance of our doubts and the falsehood of our denials. We have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks. May activities have become more important to us than gathering for worship. Our busyness crowds out times of private prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us but do little to witness to a better way. Your law is seldom consulted, and your pathways of self-sacrificing love rarely explored. Turn us around, God. Only you can meet our need.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (responsive)

The Holy Spirit renews in us the covenant we have with our God,  
**offering us forgiveness and assuring us  
that our sins will be remembered no more.**

The law of God is planted in our hearts and written on our minds  
so that love and good deeds may become second nature to us.

**We are set free to express gladness and to encourage one another in love.**

**\*RESPONSE #582 – Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**PASSING THE PEACE** (responsive)

As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus,  
let us be reconciled to each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.** (*share words of peace*)

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – arr. Larry Schackley

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

**Source of all wisdom, who in Jesus Christ offers to teach us the way of love, we have asked for  
signals and signs of your presence and your leading but have often been led astray by our own  
desires and interpretations. Testify to us now that we may hear your counsel above the clamor of  
other voices and, hearing, respond as you intend. Amen.**

**EPISTLE**

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Hebrews 10: 19-25

**PSALM 16** (responsive)

Protect me, God, because I take refuge in you.

**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord.**

**Apart from you, I have nothing good.”**

Now as for the “holy ones” in the land,  
the “magnificent ones” that I was so happy about;

**let their suffering increase because  
they hurried after a different god.**

I won't participate in their blood offerings;

I won't let their names cross my lips.

**You, Lord, are my portion, my cup;  
you control my destiny.**

The property lines have fallen beautifully for me;  
yes, I have a lovely home.

**I will bless the Lord who advises me;  
even at night I am instructed in the depths of my mind.**

I always put the Lord in front of me;  
I will not stumble because he is on my right side.

**That's why my heart celebrates and my mood is joyous;  
yes, my whole body will rest in safety**

because you won't abandon my life to the grave;  
you won't let your faithful follower see the pit.

**You teach me the way of life.**

**In your presence is total celebration.**

**Beautiful things are always in your right hand.**

GOSPEL

Mark 13: 1-8

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Not Even One Stone”

Pastor Katie Estes

**HYMN #343**

**Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

**The Apostle's 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

We are encouraged to give as God has blessed us, bringing our offerings not to win God's favor but to express our thanks, not out of habit but as a caring community that provokes one another to love and good deeds. Let us offer our gifts and our thanks to God.

**OFFERTORY**

Diapason Movement – George Green

**\*RESPONSE #607 – Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

**Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. We present to you the fruits of your generosity and our hard work. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend your church, and minister in your name throughout the world. Amen.**

**HYMN #351 All Who Love and Serve Your**

**CHARGE & BLESSING** (responsive)

Go forth in confidence that God remembers you.

Go in peace, knowing that you will find blessings in abundance.

**God is with us wherever we go.**

**We seek to recognize the blessings we have ignored.**

Live your lives in a continuing posture of prayer.

Listen for the counsel God offers every day.

**There is a word for us in every situation.**

**God is always ready to guide our decisions.**

A new and life-giving way opens before us:

We are learning to encourage our sisters and brothers, not tear them down.

**We seek to provoke one another to good deeds.**

**Love for one another will be our highest motive.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Nunn Danket Alle Gott* – arr. Fred Bock