

Our Vision
God Nourishes All to Grow

Our Mission
Inspiring All to Love and Serve with Christ



First Presbyterian Church

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World Communion Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC

"Two Pieces" – César Franck
"One Bread, One Body" – arr. Lloyd Larson
"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" – arr. John A. Behnke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus" – arr. Dale Wood

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.

And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

Friends, we have been called and claimed by the God of all things,

and by the abundance of God's grace,

and by the power of God's love,

our sins have been forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE #515 "I Come with Joy" (v.1)**

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

PASSING THE PEACE

As God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another.
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Behold the Lamb" – arr. Larry Shackley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us; and give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 10: 14-17

HYMN #31....."Let Us with a Gladsome Mind" (Psalm 136)
soloist sings verses, congregation refrain

NEW TESTAMENT Revelation 7: 9-17

SERMON

"Coram Deo"
Pastor Katie Estes

***HYMN #510 "We Gather Here"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we are share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***RESPONSE #327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (v.2)**

**In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and majesty,

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, Christ our Lord...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... who first taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints' witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

*HYMN #299 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"Postludium" – Adolf Hesse / ed. Charles Callahan

