



*Service for the Lord's Day* • November 8, 2020  
*Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs*

**GATHERING**

*Creator of all, I awake to the day you have made with praise on my lips, for your Spirit gives me breath.  
May I live this day for the sake of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.*

**VIRTUAL PRELUDE** Do Lord V. Stephenson

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

**PRELUDE** Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake J. Hilton

*Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, listen: the Lord has done marvelous things.

**We will not forget what God has done.**

Teach your children the actions of the Lord.

**So that they may live in hope and peace.**

**\* HYMN 385** All People That on Earth Do Dwell Old Hundredth

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\* ACT OF PRAISE** Gloria Patri Hymn 581

*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.*

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL READING**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)  
NT pg. 64

**ANTHEM** Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace S. S. Wesley

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forevermore.*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Vicki Sumner

*(Children will remain seated with their families for the Time for Young Disciples.)*

- \* **HYMN 712** As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought Forest Green  
**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ruth 2:1-13 (NRSV)  
This is the Word of the Lord. OT pg. 242  
**Thanks be to God.**
- SERMON** Why Do You Care? Rev. Mark Hults
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**RESPONDING**

- \* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
**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; on 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.**
- \* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**  
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.**
- \* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**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.**

**SENDING**

- \* **HYMN 337** My Country, 'Tis of Thee America
- \* **BENEDICTION**
- \* **POSTLUDE** Processional W. Matthias
- \* **VIRTUAL POSTLUDE** Celebration No. 5 in C M. Keller

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Rev. Mark Hults, Scott Stuart, Vicki Sumner

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST:** Dr. Mark Coffey

**VIDEO:** Troy Bleeker, Fred Lundy, Parker Lundy, John Rayl, Dylan Tillery **SOUND:** Bruce Brashear

**QUINTET:** Alanna Parfait, soprano; Megan Sabella, alto; Elijah Adongo, tenor; Colin Hall, Simon Lynch, bass

**JOYFUL CAROL RINGERS:** Danie Alexander, Austin Ball, Jonathan Ball, Kim Ball, Emmy Barat, Kaylee Bleeker, Tammy Bleeker, Jenny Chamberlain, ChiChi Chiputula, Honest Chiputula, Breezy Dowling, Mimi Gray, Kate Lundy, Eli Moore, Andrew Netardus, Bette North, Andrew Osmun, John Rayl, Beth Wood, Mary Mac Zeigler; Mitch Rorick, conductor

**THE ROSE ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT** is given to the glory of God and with joy and thanksgiving to announce the birth of Oliver Huxley Syfert on October 22, 2020. He is the son of Graham & Kristen Syfert. Grandparents are Dale & Marybeth Syfert.

# All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560  
 MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
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**GOSPEL READING**

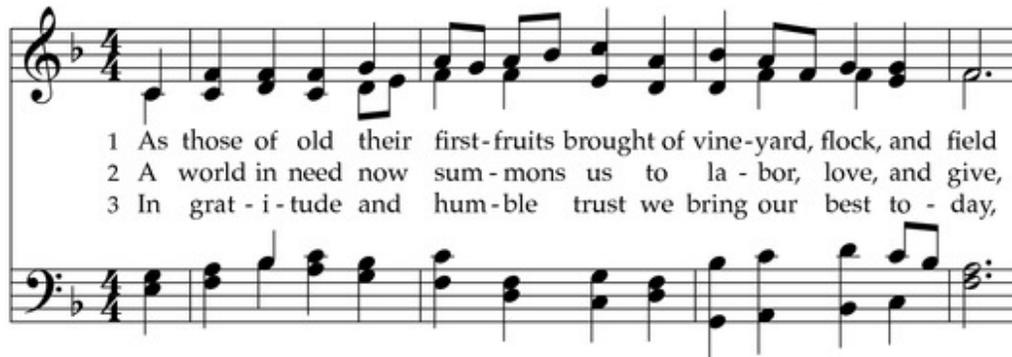
Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

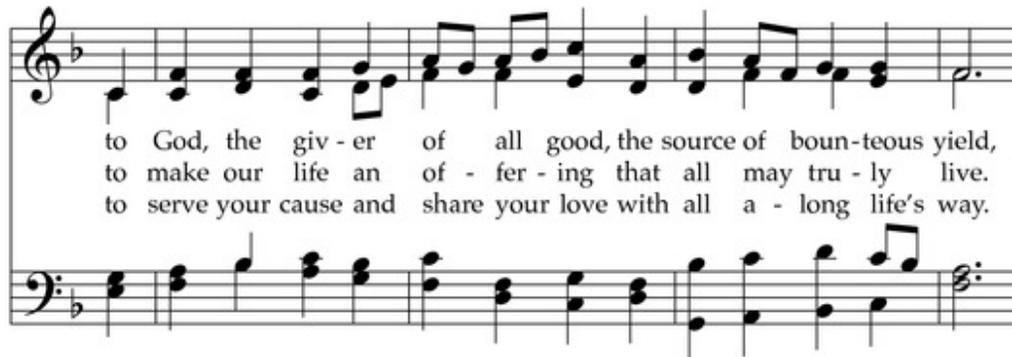
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**Thanks be to God.**

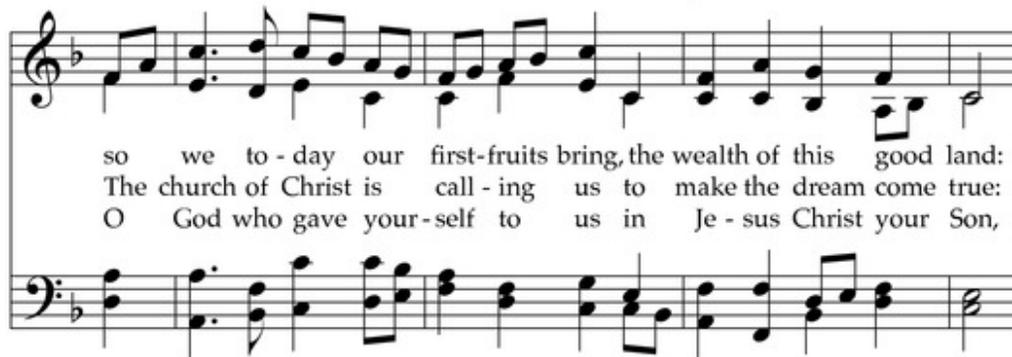
## As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



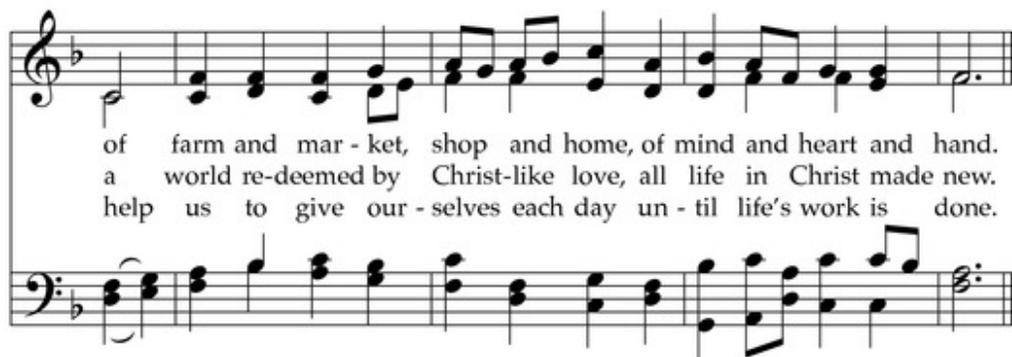
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,  
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.



so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

TEXT: Frank von Christierson, 1960, alt.  
 MUSIC: English folk melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Ruth 2:1-13 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." <sup>3</sup> So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. <sup>4</sup> Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you." They answered, "The Lord bless you." <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" <sup>6</sup> The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab." <sup>7</sup> She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment." <sup>8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. <sup>9</sup> Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." <sup>10</sup> Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" <sup>11</sup> But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" <sup>13</sup> Then she said, "May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from  
 4 Our \*fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my  
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy  
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song, Let mor - tal  
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing, Long may our

\*fa - thers died, land of the pil - grims' pride,  
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;  
 tongues a - wake; let all that breathe par - take;  
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.  
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

\*Or "parents"

This now-familiar patriotic song was written by a Baptist minister and received its first public performance at an Independence Day celebration by the Boston Sabbath School Union in 1831. It was written to replace a German patriotic text sung to the same tune.

## GLORIFY GOD

**Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Gathering:** The annual Thank Offering Meeting will be held via Zoom at 1:30 p.m. today. All are invited! Contact Elisa Neale-Tobener at [enslp1016@gmail.com](mailto:enslp1016@gmail.com) to receive the link to join the gathering. To participate in the fun activities, please bring a dollar and 10 pennies.

**Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership:** This Sunday on behalf of the women of the church, PW is pleased to announce and convey Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women for 2020. This is an honor that recognizes faithful service to the organization and the church.

**In November, there will be virtual preludes and postludes** by Wednesday's *Connections* ensembles. If you worship via livestream, be sure to start the feed a few minutes early. Otherwise, complete worship service videos can be found on our website or YouTube page.

## MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

**Children's Worship Guides:** Print and Digital versions of our children's worship guides are available for your use as you participate in worship. Links to the digital version can be found in the Weekly Invite emails from the church. We encourage your family to discuss worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

**Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship:** Stay connected to the ministries of our church with a Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship. The goal of this form of discipleship is to create space for our church to refuel and keep our intergenerational church family connected while we are social distancing as an act of loving our neighbors. Questions? Please contact Vicki Sumner at [children@1stpc.org](mailto:children@1stpc.org).

**Connections** will not meet this Wednesday, November 11 due to the Veterans Day holiday. See you on Zoom next week!

**Advent in a Box:** The Christian Education Committee looks forward to kicking off the Advent season - in a different way - this year. Instead of hosting the Advent Workshop, we will package parts of the tradition and send it out to our church family who are interested in participating from home. Please let Vicki Sumner, [children@1stpc.org](mailto:children@1stpc.org), know by Sunday, November 15 at 5 p.m. if you and/or your family wish to receive an Advent in a Box kit this year.

**College Trajectory Bible Study** is meeting on Zoom. For more information, please email Scott Stuart at [college@1stpc.org](mailto:college@1stpc.org).

**Young Adult Ministry:** We are meeting regularly via Zoom. For more information on Young Adult Ministry or specifically on these meetings, please email Fred Lundy at [youngadult@1stpc.org](mailto:youngadult@1stpc.org).

**The Gordon Hoover Class is Zooming** on Sundays at a new time of 9:00 a.m. Connect by phone or computer. Everyone is welcome! Sunday's lesson is 2 Timothy 1. If you are interested in joining, please contact Perry Foote at [palbertfoote@gmail.com](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com).

## MEET HUMAN NEEDS

**Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence:** Melda Bassett, Ellen Farber, Jayne Fox, Lib Harrer, Emily Hoyer, Frank Maturo, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Brian Hill, Matt Roland, Emily Snook, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez, Joe Mueller, and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

**Livestream Equipment:** The Session voted to purchase equipment to allow the congregation to view the worship service live from home. You are invited to assist with underwriting the expense of the equipment, estimated at \$9,000. Checks made payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo: Live streaming equipment, may be sent to the church office. Your generosity is appreciated.

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### **FPC Figures for November 1**

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| Weekly Budget Requirement          | \$15,577  |
| Pledged and Loosed Offerings       | \$12,491  |
| YTD General Budget Requirements    | \$280,385 |
| YTD Actual General Budget Receipts | \$277,864 |

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