

GATHERING

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, I thank you for another day, whether it brings the sort of happiness for which I always hope or the challenges I sometimes fear. Each day in your presence is a time to notice the marvels of creation that surround me. Help me to see them today and to move gracefully from one hour to the next, in the name of your holy and miraculous ways. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to the feast of God's holy word and holy meal,
eyes and ears will be opened.

The gospel is for all,
so that we may all be made glad and filled with hope.

* **HYMN 409**

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 146 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 581

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

T. Trenney

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. When darkness comes to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. Christ is the rock! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Vicki Sumner

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

* **HYMN 188** Jesus Loves Me! Jesus Loves Me
GOSPEL READING Mark 7:24-30 (NRSV)
This is the Word of the Lord. NT pg. 42
Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Divine Agenda 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (11 A.M.) The King of Love My Shepherd Is C. Gounod
Andrew Netardus, baritone

The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever. Where streams of living waters flow, my ransom'd soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. The King of Love my Shepherd is. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. And so, thro' all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise, forever and forever!

* **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 606

*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.*

* **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.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND 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 310** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord St. Thomas

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God A. Miller

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Vicki Sumner

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

NONET: Alanna Parfait, Alexis Vellis, soprano; Danielle Alexander, Kate Vellis, alto; Raul Giovannetti, Daemyung Hyun, tenor; Andrew Netardus, baritone; Colin Hall, Simon Lynch, bass

USHERS: Paul Bennett, Maralyn Foote, Perry Foote, Sandra Jones, Bill Olinger, Dick Rauber

VIDEO TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, Paul Bennett, John Rayl

SOUND: Frank Counts

JOIN US IN WELCOMING TIFFANY FUNG our new Chancel Choir Accompanist. This fall, Tiffany began her DMA in Piano Performance at the University of Florida. Her BA in Music is from Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong and MM in Performance from Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR. We are very excited to have Tiffany as part of the ministry of music at First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cretora Biggerstaff from her family.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. You can find a "Three Steps to Membership" card with information about how to join the church in the pew racks. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

Prayer of Belief: *Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.* (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)

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God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988
 MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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ABBOT'S LEIGH
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 146 (NRSV)

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. ³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. ⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
 tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:24-30 (NRSV)

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 310

1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
 2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
 3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
 4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
 5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given

the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
 dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
 to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
 her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
 the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

TEXT: Timothy Dwight, 1800
 MUSIC: *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770

GLORIFY GOD

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The church office will be closed Monday, September 6.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Children's Worship Bags are available at all our entrances. Pick one up before the worship service to help your child participate in worship. After the service, please return all bags to the baskets. We encourage your family to discuss worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

Children and Youth Sunday School: Our Elementary class (K-5th Grade) meets from 9:30-9:50 a.m. and our Youth class (6th-12th Grade) meets from 10:00-10:20 a.m. Both classes spend time in fellowship, the morning lesson, and prayer. The Christian Education Committee will reevaluate the need to meet in person after the first nine weeks of the public school year. We aim to begin classes in-person in October.

Connections meets Wednesdays for preschool-12th grade students. Our Zoom time will begin with greeting one another and answering the question of the week. Each group will make music to the Lord and shift into a Bible lesson and game. We will end each gathering with a prayer. For times, see the September Bugle or the Connections emails from Vicki Sumner (children@1stpc.org).

Youth Connection: (6th-12th Grade) Join us today from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the home of Emerson and Hayden Hults for a pool party and taco bar. Call Vicki Sumner for more details. Youth Connection will meet on the 5th and 19th this month.

College Café: All undergrad and graduate students are invited to lunch on Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. service. Meet us in the North Courtyard. Thank you to Andreas and Allison VanDenend for providing today's meal.

College Trajectory Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in North Courtyard. For more information, please email Scott Stuart at college@1stpc.org.

Young Adult & Family Ministry: We are praying for you as you get back into the swing of things with school, work, UF, and all that brings. Watch for updates in September on our Fall offerings. For more information on Young Adult & Young Family Ministry gatherings, please email Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

The Gordon Hoover Sunday School has returned to Zoom at 9 a.m. The Zoom link will be sent out in the Weekly Invite email every week. Email Perry Foote with questions at palbertfoote@gmail.com.

September 5

Acts 11

Don McGarity

September 12

Acts 12

Perry Foote

Everyone is welcome!

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence:

Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Jayne Fox, Emily Hoyer, Kay Koons, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez, and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

We're Hiring! The church is looking for someone willing to help us clean in the Preschool area three nights a week. This work takes place from 5:30 - 10:00 p.m. and includes cleaning classrooms, hallways, and restrooms by pulling trash, cleaning floors, and sanitizing and disinfecting various surfaces. A clean drug test and background screening is required for employment. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please contact Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

Nic-to-Go Meal: Plan now for a pulled pork and bun, creole cabbage salad, and macaroni and cheese meal after church on Sunday, September 19. Each meal costs \$7.50 and benefits the ministry of Shalom Presbyterian Church in Nicaragua. Please order your meal by emailing Beverly Vloedman at dvloedman@aol.com.

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