

GATHERING

Help us, God, as we rise this day, to seek out your will as we enjoy the good and suffer through the bad. Prove us, O God, and try us so that we can learn the steps we need to take to follow your ways. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Through Love to Light

E. Hagenberg

Through love to light! Oh wonderful the way, through love, that leads from darkness to the perfect day! From darkness and from sorrow of the night to morning that comes singing o'er the sea. Through love to light! Through light, O God, to thee who art the love, the love of love, the eternal light, the light of light! Through love to light!

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

Great is our Lord!

*** HYMN 267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and recreate us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. 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 147:1-5 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

The Lord is My Shepherd

D. Childs

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He makes me lie down in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again. And me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake. Yea, tho' I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I feel no ill; for thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still. Goodness and mercy all my life shall follow me where-e're I walk. And in God's house thy dwelling place shall be. Forever more my dwelling place shall be.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Vicki Sumner

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

GOSPEL READING

John 21:15-19 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Leader as a Patient

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

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

J. S. Bach

* 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

* HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Near to the Heart of God/
Children of the Heavenly Father
Thomas Chamberlain, euphonium

B. Adams

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

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

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

EUPHONIUM: Thomas Chamberlain

USHERS: Roger Bachmann, Jenny Chamberlain, Maralyn Foote, Dan Sutton

VIDEO TEAM: Paul Bennett, John Rayl

SOUND: Bruce Brashear

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of October birthdays by Elizabeth Jenkins.

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.)

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843
 MUSIC: Spanish folk melody; arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. David Evans, 1927
 Music: Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 147:1-5 (NRSV)

¹ Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. ² The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³ He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. ⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 21:15-19 (NRSV)

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

GLORIFY GOD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship this morning. Individually prepackaged cracker and juice cups will be in baskets in the chapel, the Narthex, and Gordon Hall. Please take one for everyone in your group before the service begins, use the ziploc bags to store your empty cups, and take the them with you when you go. If you are worshipping from home, please be sure to gather appropriate supplies to join us in communion during worship.

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.

Are you the parent of a student in our Children and Youth Ministry? Please contact Vicki Sumner to sign-up for a time for the mid-semester evaluation. Call, text, or email Vicki at children@1stpc.org.

LOGOS Family Gathering: Wednesday, October 20 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park. We will update you in the coming week with information on what to bring, a way to let us know if you plan to attend, and any other helpful information. We are looking forward to physically gathering with our church family for this special time of fun and fellowship.

Youth Connection: Join us for another fun time at The Thomas Center from 4:30-6:30 p.m. today, Sunday, October 3. Our dinner will be provided by Emmy and Norah Barat's family. Please remember to let us know if you plan to attend, so we can plan accordingly. *Bring something to sit on, a mask, hand sanitizer, and a drink for yourself. It would be great to bring your Bible, too.

Children and Youth Sunday School meets Sunday mornings over Zoom. And Connections meets Wednesdays. For times, see the September Bugle or the weekly emails from Vicki Sumner.

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 those who provided 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 looking forward to enjoying the cooler weather with opportunities to be together. If you are interested in knowing what is going on for and with this group - which is focused on adults who are out of college through those preparing to be empty nesters - please reach out to me at youngadult@1stpc.org so we can add your email to our list.

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

October 3	Acts 15	Betsy Berry
October 16	Acts 15	Don McGarity

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.

Online Contributions can be made through your computer or smart phone. Go to 1stpc.org and click the red Pushpay icon. Give to the General Budget or specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Questions? Contact Trudy Bonerba at business@1stpc.org.

FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance	99
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$29,817
Received Week of 9/26/2021	\$16,651
Weekly Offering	\$13,531
Designated Offerings	\$1,780
Other Revenue	\$925
Preschool	\$415
YTD Budget Requirements	\$387,625
YTD Received	\$352,347
YTD Expenses	\$318,590

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