

GATHERING

*Steadfast, loving God, in the morning I sing your praise. Give me wisdom for this day and rejoice in me,
as I rejoice in you. Amen.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Praise Is Your Right, O God, in Zion C. Goudimel

Praise is your right, O God, in Zion. To you we pay our vows. When we your people pray, you hear us. All flesh to you will bow. When our transgressions overwhelm us, you graciously forgive. How satisfied your chosen servants; within your courts they live. Your mighty acts work our salvation. All earth waits hopefully. You have the strength to make the mountains, to calm the stormy sea. You calm the tumult of the people. Such awesome signs you do that earth, from sunrise to the sunset, for joy cries out to you. You bless the earth with streams and rivers, and with the gentle rain. You settle ridges, soften furrows and bless the sprouting grain. You crown the year with ample harvest, a rich abundance springs. All flocks and grains and hills and meadows, yes, all creation sings.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, you are holy.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

To you they called out, and they were saved.

In you they placed their hope and were not put to shame.

*** HYMN 25** O Lord, Our God, How Excellent Winchester Old

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you, through Jesus 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

James 1:5-8 (NRSV)

NT pg. 228

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) Eternal Light J. Marshall

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes; eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise. Eternal Life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me: until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.) Vicki Sumner
(Children will remain seated with their families for the Time for Young Disciples.)

* **HYMN 453** Open Your Ears, O Faithful People Yisrael V'Oraita
OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 3:5-28 (NRSV)
This is the Word of the Lord. OT pg. 306
Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Leader as a Sage 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 Larghetto from Sonatina in G Major A. Dvořák
Megan Sabella, violin; Tiffany Fung, piano

* **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.

* **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 450** Be Thou My Vision Slane
* **BENEDICTION**
* **POSTLUDE** Allegro risoluto from Sonatina in G Major A. Dvořák
Megan Sabella, violin; Tiffany Fung, piano

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

ELDER ON DUTY: Mary Jo Deichler

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

VIOLIN: Megan Sabella

PERCUSSION: Simon Lynch, Andrew Netardus

USHERS: Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Tom Chamberlain, Maralyn Foote, Dan Sutton

VIDEO TEAM: Paul Bennett, John Rayl, Dylan Tillery

SOUND: Dink Henderson

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of Emory Thomas Fouts, Jeanne Thomas's first great-grandchild, who was born on September 1, 2021. Parents are Lindsey and Brandon Fouts.

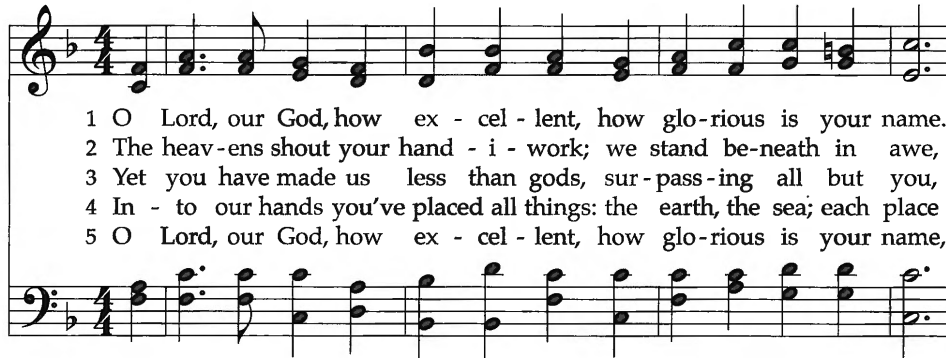
CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to her family upon the passing of Margaret Allbritten, who joined the Church Triumphant on October 3, 2021.

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.

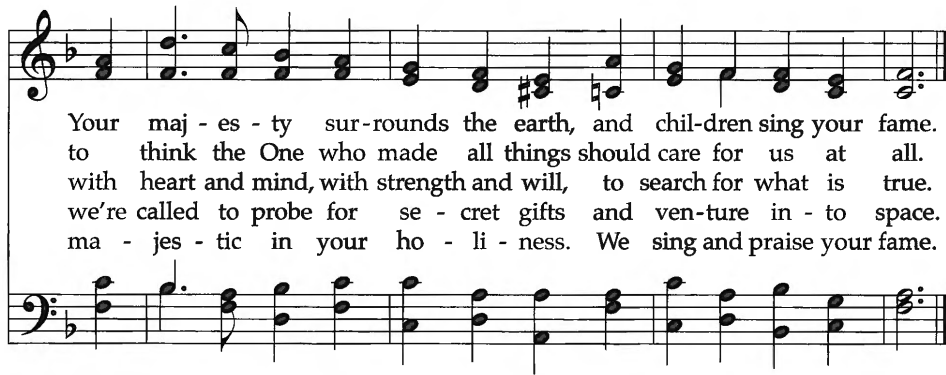
Prayer of Belief: *Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior.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

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent 25

(Psalm 8)



1 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name.
 2 The heav - ens shout your hand - i - work; we stand be - neath in awe,
 3 Yet you have made us less than gods, sur - pass - ing all but you,
 4 In - to our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place
 5 O Lord, our God, how ex - cel - lent, how glo - rious is your name,



Your maj - es - ty sur - rounds the earth, and chil - dren sing your fame.
 to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.
 with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.
 we're called to probe for se - cret gifts and ven - ture in - to space.
 ma - jes - tic in your ho - li - ness. We sing and praise your fame.

The middle stanzas of this paraphrase of Psalm 8 probe the ancient but enduring paradox of declaring the grandeur of God's creation while realizing how small mortals are in the midst of it all. These words are set to one of the most durable 18th-century English psalm tunes.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986
 MUSIC: Este's *Psalmes*, 1592; harm. George Kirbye, 1592
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NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 1:5-8 (NRSV)

⁵ If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. ⁶ But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; ^{7,8} for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

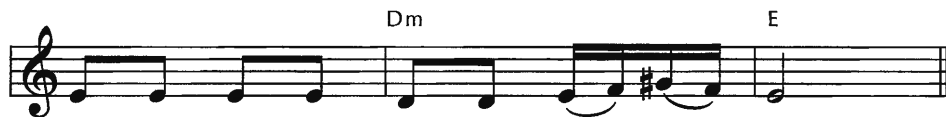
Open Your Ears, O Faithful People 453



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple; o - pen your
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have



ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
ears, now let them hear; they who would learn the



roy - al priest - hood; God has come to you.
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!



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In the writings of the prophets, the ear is valued above other senses, and the essential declaration of Jewish faith is *shema Ysrael*, "Hear, O Israel" (Deuteronomy 5:1, 6:4-9; Jeremiah 2:4). "To hear" is no small thing, for this verb assumes what is truly heard will also be obeyed.

TEXT: Willard F. Jabusch, 1966; rev. 1982
MUSIC: Hasidic melody; arr. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, 2006
Text © 1966, 1982 Willard F. Jabusch (Published by OCP)
Music Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

YISRAEL V'ORAITA
9.8.9.5 with refrain

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. ¹³ I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. ¹⁴ If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life." ¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants. ¹⁶ Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. ¹⁷ The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. ¹⁸ Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. ¹⁹ Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. ²⁰ She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. ²¹ When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." ²² But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king. ²³ Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead'; while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" ²⁴ So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵ The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one, and half to the other." ²⁶ But the woman whose son was alive said to the king – because compassion for her son burned within her – "Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." ²⁷ Then the king responded: "Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." ²⁸ All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb

thou my . best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
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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 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 from 4-6 p.m. at Hollow Oaks. We will spend the entire time enjoying the facilities together. Please remember to let us know if you plan to attend by Wednesday, October 13. Plan to bring a mask and \$12. For more information, email Vicki Sumner (children@1stpc.org).

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: If you are interested in what is going on with this group - which is focused on adults who are post-college through those preparing to be empty nesters - please reach out to youngadult@1stpc.org, so we can add you to our email 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 10	Acts 16	Don McGarity
October 17	Acts 17	Perry Foote

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. 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.

FPC Weekly Figures

In-Person Attendance	93
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$29,817
Received Week of 10/3/2021	\$30,595
Weekly Offering	\$13,439
Designated Offerings	\$40
Other Revenue	\$425
Preschool	\$16,691
YTD Budget Requirements	\$417,442
YTD Received	\$391,642
YTD Expenses	\$356,621

Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults Pastor	Allison VanDenend Clerk of Session	Dink Henderson Treasurer
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Session

Class of 2022 Mary Jo Deichler Carol Israel Jed Keesling Earle Pickens John Rayl Tim Schubert Allison VanDenend Cyndie Williams	Class of 2023 Pam Bailey Todd Best Deanna Cook Andrew Greer Missy Lentz Russell Robinson Andy Vloedman Margaret Weech	Class of 2024 Alison Barat Ashley Lentz-Black Jennifer Clark Maralyn Foote George Lebo Evelyn Lewis Dan Sutton
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Diaconate

Class of 2022 Dell Bowman Megan Greer Fred Lewis Jane Morris Rose Pickens Barbara Probert	Class of 2023 Jessica Berger Perry Foote Mimi Gray Dean Schoenfeld Jane Smith Dale Syfert	Class of 2024 Tammy Bleeker Buzz Boyd Mimi Carr Kristin Pickens Mary Lou Schubert Nick Vellis
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