



Service for the Lord's Day • September 10, 2023
Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

O God of this and every morning, as I begin this day, call my name; as I step into this day, guide my feet; as I live this day, care for those I love; as I learn this day, teach me your ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Borning Cry D. Christiansen

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

Teach us, lead us, turn us to your ways, O God.

Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

* **HYMN 401** Here in This Place GATHER US IN

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 2:1-10 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 49

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.) Set Me As A Seal R. Clausen

Shichu Xie, conductor

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.) Sarah Whitfield

(Afterward, children will return to sit with their families.)

* **HYMN 487** These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:12-17 (NRSV)

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SERMON

The View of Adoption

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

Beloved, God's Chosen

R. Hobby

Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment that binds into one ev'ry dissonant part. Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly; let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy, let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.

* **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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.)

(Gluten-Free)

SENDING

* **HYMN 310**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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* **BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

YOUTH LAY READER

CHAPEL USHER: Dan Sutton; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Paul Bennett, Perry Foote, Bill Olinger, Mary Lou Schubert

VIDEO TEAM: Kaylee Bleeker, Troy Bleeker, John Rayl; **SOUND:** Frank Counts

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clarice Anderson for her 104th birthday by Eileen, Caraline, and Jacob Stephens.

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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Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 2:1-10 (NRSV)

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

These Treasured Children 487

1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them

us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with

heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

This text emphasizes the covenantal dimensions of baptism, most obvious in the baptism of children (though also present in the baptism of adults), including the worshiping community's commitment to acquaint children with salvation history and to learn from their humble trust.

TEXT: Jacque B. Jones, 2009
 MUSIC: Trier ms. 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
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 (alternate harmonization, 67)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:12-17 (NRSV)

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ— if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

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GLORIFY GOD

A Congregational Meeting will be held this morning, Sunday, September 10 after the 11 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and to elect Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for the class of 2026, to elect the Congregational Nominating Committee class of 2024, and to discuss matters pertaining only to these items.

Refreshments after church are currently being hosted by committees/groups in our congregation. As you fellowship after worship, you may also learn more about ministries-who they are, what they do, and how individuals can take part. This Sunday, September 10 is Bev Vloedman and the LOGOS committee. If your ministry or committee would like to host, please contact Bev Vloedman, dvloedman@aol.com or the church office.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Nursery Care (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten) is available on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service. Thank you to those who responded to the call to volunteer! We can always use additional volunteers or substitutes to care for the littlest ones in our congregation. Email Jenna Mueller at jdmueller2009@gmail.com with questions or to sign up. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204.

Worship Bags are located in the chapel and narthex. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship and return all bags to the baskets.

Time for Young Disciples: All children are invited to the front steps for a special lesson in worship. Afterward, all children will return to sit with their families.

Children and Youth Sunday School and Kids for God resumes today, Sunday, September 10. Sunday School is for K-12th grade and will meet in Room 201. Kids for God is immediately following the Time for Young Disciples in the 11 a.m. worship service. Children in K-2nd grade will gather in Room 217. Volunteers are needed to help in both of these ministries. Please contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com.

LOGOS at Church: Gather on Wednesday, September 13, from 3:30-6:45 p.m. for Birthday Celebration Night at LOGOS with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth age 3 through high school. Questions? Contact Bev Vloedman, dvloedman@aol.com.

Youth Connection (6th-12th Grade) is meeting today, Sunday, September 10 following the congregational meeting for lunch, Bible Study, and games in Room 211. We will be done at 2:30 p.m. at which time the youth will be picked up at the Mary Gate on the north side of campus on SW 1st Ave. Contact Fred Lundy for more information.

College Café: All college students are invited to join us in the serving room through Gordon Hall for a home-cooked lunch immediately following 11 a.m. worship. Thank you to Carol Israel for providing today's lunch! If you are interested in serving a meal to the students, please contact Scott Stuart.

Gordon Hoover Sunday School: Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

September 10 Matthew 21:1-22 Perry Foote

September 17 Matthew 21:23-46 Don McGarity

Multiply starts a new semester in Gordon Hall this Sunday, September 10 at 9:45 a.m. This fall Scott, Fred, and Joe will lead us in the study of the Book of Hebrews. As Hebrews makes many references to the Christ as our true High Priest and Sacrifice and the true Mediator of the New Covenant. The teaching method used leans heavily on the interaction between the teachers and those in the class, so we look forward to seeing you all again this fall.

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Cecilia Caton, Jayne Fox, Kay Koons, Elizabeth Miller, and Marjorie Pedrick. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

Online contributions can be made through your computer or smartphone. 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.

Church Renovations: Our congregation is 150+ years old and our church building is 70 years old. As the building continues to age, there are unexpected issues popping up. We are grateful to be able to address the needs on our campus, and we are making progress on the main plumbing project. Thank you for your support of our church and your patience with these and other inconveniences:

- 1) The water feature coming out of the wall in the corner of the North Courtyard. If helpful, it is above where the black, large, rolling recycle bins are normally kept. It is not causing damage and should be fixed or changed in the coming week.
- 2) The need to change the date for the Nic-to-Go lunch, which will not be held on Sunday, September 17.
- 3) The choir robes needing to be cleaned before the choir could wear them in worship. They are glad to be able to wear them for worship this morning.