



## College Sunday • September 17, 2023

*Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs*

### GATHERING

*Oh God, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there. We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you; our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you; our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you; our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you. Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art  
*Dawson Jackson, piano*

S. K. Hine

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Katherine Skipper

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us and we are His;

**we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

**For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

#### \* HYMN 805

Come Sing to God

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#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jonathon Haney

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

Wes Teza

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 33:1-9 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 737

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM (11 A.M.)**

In Christ Alone

*Kappa Phi Epsilon*

*In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my All in All; here, in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin, on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground His body lay; light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand till He returns or calls me home. Here in the power of Christ I stand.*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)**

Lilly Byrum

*(Afterward, children in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)*

\* **HYMN 623**

I've Got Peace like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Romans 8:18-25 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 158

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Our Joy in Christ

Connor Drake

Faith Garrett

Jack Harling

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**RESPONDING**

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Lilly Byrum

**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**

Processional of Joy

H. Hopson

\* **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**

McKenzie Amos

**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

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| * <b>HYMN 611</b>    | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | HYMN TO JOY |
| * <b>BENEDICTION</b> |                               |             |
| * <b>POSTLUDE</b>    | Roll Is Called Up Yonder      | J. M. Black |

### TODAY IN WORSHIP

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** McKenzie Amos, Lilly Byrum, Connor Drake, Faith Garrett, Jack Harling, Mark Hults, Dawson Jackson, Katherine Skipper, Scott Stuart, Wes Teza

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST:** Mitch Rorick

**CHAPEL USHER:** Dan Sutton; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Paul Bennett, Jain Choi, Perry Foote, Jonathon Haney, Bill Olinger, Mary Lou Schubert, Ethan Wobb

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

**THANK YOU TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS** for leading us in worship this morning.

**THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gordon Braley and Sid and Evelyn Counts by Frank and Kathy Braley Counts.

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**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.)

### Leadership

Rev. Mark Hults  
Pastor

Andy Vloedman  
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson  
Treasurer

#### Session

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Alison Barat	Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey
Ashley Lentz-Black	Carol Israel	Troy Bleeker
Jennifer Clark	Joe Mueller	Andy Greer
Maralyn Foote	Elisa Neale-Tobener	Margaret Lingg
Evelyn Lewis	Earle Pickens	Susannah Peddie
Coleen O'Brien	Geoff Spiegel	Dick Rauber
Dan Sutton	Alexis Vellis	Andy Vloedman
	Sarah Whitfield	Steve Walker

#### Diaconate

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Buzz Boyd	Holli Best	Mark Coffey
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## Come Sing to God

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(Psalm 30)

1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.  
 2 In my suc-cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.  
 3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?  
 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.  
 I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.  
 My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.  
 In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,  
 But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.  
 Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.  
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.

yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.  
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.  
 Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.  
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868  
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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 33:1-9 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard: <sup>2</sup>Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: <sup>3</sup>Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. <sup>4</sup>For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah that were torn down to make a defense against the siege-ramps and before the sword: <sup>5</sup>The Chaldeans are coming in to fight and to fill them with the dead bodies of those whom I shall strike down in my anger and my wrath, for I have hidden my face from this city because of all their wickedness. <sup>6</sup>I am going to bring it recovery and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. <sup>7</sup>I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. <sup>8</sup>I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. <sup>9</sup>And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them; they shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a  
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a  
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my  
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my  
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.  
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

PEACE LIKE A RIVER  
7.7.10

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:18-25 (NRSV)

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADORATION

# 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY  
 8.7.8.7.D

## GLORIFY GOD

**With great love and appreciation**, we offer our thanks all who are currently serving, those who have ended their term of service, and those who were just approved to serve as elders, deacons, trustees, and CNC members. We also thank the congregation for their prayerful submissions of this year's nominations.

**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. If your ministry or committee would like to host, please contact Bev Vloedman, [dvloedman@aol.com](mailto:dvloedman@aol.com) or the church office.

**Family Promise Hosting begins today!** Please pray for the families in the program as they work towards homes of their own. Also, we still have 3 overnight spots that need to be claimed. Please help us fill our schedule.

## 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](mailto: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.

**Children and Youth Sunday School** for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade and meets in Room 201 at 9:30 a.m. Come join us!

**Time for Young Disciples:** All children are invited to the front steps for a special lesson during 11 a.m. worship. Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God and all others will return to sit with their families.

**Kids-4-God:** Children (K-2) will gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to engage with their faith through the end of the service. Families will reunite with their children in Gordon Hall following the worship service. Volunteers are needed to help with this and Sunday School. Please contact Evelyn Lewis at [citytr122@gmail.com](mailto:citytr122@gmail.com).

**LOGOS at Church:** Gather on Wednesday, September 20, 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](mailto:dvloedman@aol.com).

**Youth Connection** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) is meeting today, Sunday, September 17 following 11 a.m. worship to help set up for hosting Family Promise. Please bring a change of clothes/shoes and know that lunch will be provided. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Contact Fred Lundy for more information.

**College Café:** All college students are invited to join us in Gordon Hall for lunch immediately following 11 a.m. worship. 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](mailto:palbertfoote@gmail.com) with questions.

September 17 Matthew 21:23-46 Don McGarity  
September 24 Matthew 22 Ross Teigen

**Multiply** meets in Gordon Hall Sundays 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 Old Testament, it leads believers through the case of 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](http://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, but there is more work to do. Thank you for your support of our church and your patience with these and other inconveniences:

\* The need to change the date for the Nic-to-Go lunch, which will not be held today, September 17. Watch the weekly invite and the worship guide for new dates.

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