

GATHERING

Holy One, as I move through this new day, I pray that you will keep me in union with the faith and knowledge of Jesus. I long to mature into the stature of Christ. Help me to speak the truth in love today, that I may grow into him, my savior, my teacher, and my friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude

C. Franck;
arr. H. Bauer

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

With what shall I come before the Lord?

Shall we come with sacrifices?

He has told you what he requires of you.

To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God!

* **HYMN 739**

O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. 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

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 49

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

Jesu Sweet, Now Will I Sing to Thee a Song
Dr. Christopher Pfund, tenor; Cordelia Pfund, violin

G. Holst

Jesu Sweet, now will I sing to Thee a song of love longing; do in my heart a quick well spring Thee to love above all thing. Jesu Sweet, my dim heart's gleam brighter than the sun beam! As thou wert born in Bethlehem make in me thy love dream. Jesu Sweet, my dark heart's light Thou art day withouten night; give me strength and eke might for to loven Thee aright. Jesu Sweet, well may he be that in Thy bliss Thyself shall see: with love cords then draw Thou me that I may come and dwell with Thee.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Sarah Whitfield

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

* HYMN (See Insert)

What Does the Lord Require of You?

MOON

(Sing 2 times through.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 866

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

How Do We Go Forward?

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 (11 A.M.)

I Sing of a Maiden That Matchless is

G. Holst

Dr. Christopher Pfund, tenor; Cordelia Pfund, violin

I sing of a maiden that matchless is: King of all Kings was her Son iwis. He came all so still where his mother was as dew in April that falleth on the grass: He came all so still to his mother's bower as dew in April that falleth on the flower: He came all so still where his mother lay as dew in April that formeth on spray. Mother and maiden was ne'er none but she: well may such a lady God's mother be.

* 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 Bread)

SENDING

* HYMN 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Scherzo from Sonata in B-flat Major, D. 960

F. Schubert

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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

ELDER ON DUTY: Fleetwood Fleming

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Dr. Tiffany Fung

CHAPEL USHER: Jeanne Thomas; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Louis Motz, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V TEAM: Norah Barat, Owen Best, Dink Henderson, John Rayl

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of Nola H. Lentz for 63 perfect years of marriage from Frank Lentz.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ben Samuels, whose birthday would have been on August 3, by Eleanor Samuels.

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

Carol Israel
Clerk of Session

Dink Henderson
Treasurer

Session

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Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey	Rachel Coffey
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Joe Mueller	Greg Dowling	BarBee Geiger
Elisa Neale-Tobener	Andy Greer	Evelyn Lewis
Earle Pickens	Margaret Lingg	Coleen O'Brien
Geoff Spiegel	Susannah Peddie	RoseAnna Rutledge
Alexis Vellis	Dick Rauber	Eileen Stephens
Sarah Whitfield	Steve Walker	

Diaconate

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Holli Best	Mark Coffey	Buzz Boyd
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Megan Greer	Dean Schoenfeld	Bob Tucker
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O for a Closer Walk with God 739

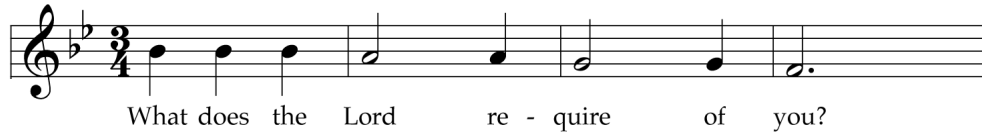
1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a
 2 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet
 3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -
 4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm

calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -
 mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that
 e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it
 and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall

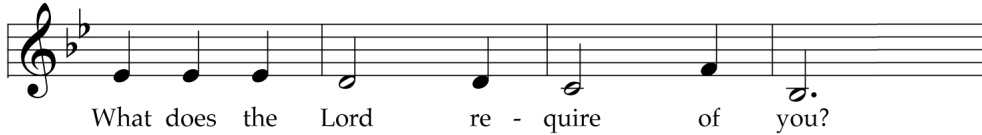
on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
 from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Merely longing for a restored relationship with God is not enough; real repentance requires amendment of life (stanza 3). The similarity of stanzas 1 and 4 suggests both continuity and improvement. This tune was one of the new common tunes in the Scottish Psalter of 1635.

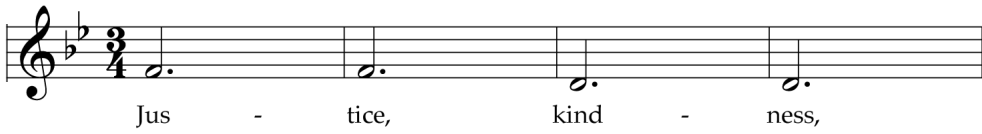
What Does the Lord Require of You? 70



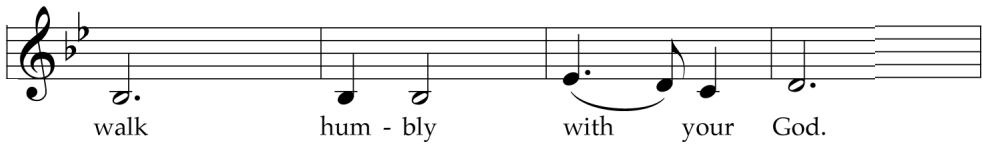
What does the Lord re - quire of you?



What does the Lord re - quire of you?



Jus - tice, kind - ness,



walk hum - bly with your God.



To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness



and walk hum - bly with your God. *Repeat as desired*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³²Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

¹Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

⁶"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

GLORIFY GOD

Do you have a favorite hymn? Why does it top your list? Now through the beginning of August, you will have the opportunity to share your favorite hymn and a personal story about it with us. On Sunday, August 25, we'll sing some of those hymns together. Complete the card at one of the boxes outside the sanctuary, respond to our hymn post on the 1stpc Music Facebook page, or submit your answers at www.1stpcmusic.org/hymn. Let's celebrate the hymns of our faith together this summer.

Bell Day: Sunday, August 18, from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m., Exploring Handbells Workshop; and at 11:00 a.m., Worship Service with Special Handbell Music. Curious about the various sounds of handbells and how they are played? Try them at the workshop at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary - no music experience needed. Then, at 11:00 a.m., members of the First Presbyterian Church handbell ensembles, and those from the workshop desiring to ring, will provide special music at the worship service. Invite friends and family!

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. 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.

Children's Worship Guides are located in the narthex, and Gordon Hall. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship and return the bags to the baskets after the service.

Summer College Trajectory: Stay connected for the summer. Trajectory meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Gordon Hall. Join us and bring a friend for fun, fellowship, and time in the Word. This summer we are reading *Welcome to Adulthood* by Jonathan Pokluda.

Multiply Sunday Class: Meet in room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. as we study the book of 1 Samuel.

Gordon Hoover Sunday School: Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Enter through the Mary Gate or the sanctuary. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

Aug 4	Introduction and James 1	Ross Teigen
Aug 11	James 2	Rick Palmer

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Andy Adams-Smith, Marilyn Ast, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, and Elizabeth Miller. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

Sunday Morning Service: Visit the Sign Up Genius links in the weekly invite to be a lay reader in worship or host/make cookies for fellowship time. Looking for another way to serve? Reach out to Lizzy Tobener at tobeneale@gmail.com or visit www.1stpc.org/needs to find your perfect fit. Let's build a stronger church together!

Lend a Hand: The music ministry could use your help! Needs are in the following areas -


- 1) Typewriter/Organizer of Operating Procedures
- 2) Social Media Text Creator
- 3) Music Library Helper
- 4) Detail-oriented Typewriter for Dates & Communications.

Please contact Mitch Rorick at music@1stpc.org.

Feeling left out of Bible study opportunities? Presbyterian Women (PW) is sponsoring a ZOOM lunchtime Bible study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir from 12 to 12:45 p.m. on nine consecutive Wednesdays beginning on September 11. Anyone - not just women - can join this study and will receive the Zoom connection information by leaving their email address at the church office.

Way to go, FPC! PW has delivered another pound of aluminum tab-tops to Ronald McDonald House. They plan to use the tabs you collected to help pay the electric bill at RMcDH. This is an easy mission that FPC members of any age can do by collecting drink can tab-tops at neighborhood parties, family reunions, etc. Thank you!

From the Archives Committee: On the second floor of the Foote Education building, our church maintains a small archive. It contains books, pictures, articles, records, letters, and other materials related to the people and activities of our congregation during its history. A special holding includes two typewritten transcripts of material written in the 19th century by the first pastor of our congregation, W. J. McCormack. The first is a personal history and the second is a sermon which relates events surrounding the formation of our church. We have made them available on our website. They provide a wonderful perspective of the people that founded and shaped the religious community of which we are now a part.

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