
First Presbyterian Church

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Rev. John F. Koerner

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Ten Forty-Five



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

LARGE-PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING-ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM USHERS

* INDICATES TO STAND IF ABLE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude Fantasia on "America, the Beautiful" by Koury Kay Devono

Welcome

The Peace (John 20:19,21,26)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Announcements and Friendship Register

Please sign the friendship register found in your pew

Call to Worship

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

*Hymn #285

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Austrian Hymn

*Call to Confession

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we are faithful to confess our sin,

God will forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Merciful God, forgive us for the ways in which we have given in to fear and allowed our decisions to be made by anxiety. Our fear that there will not be enough stifles our generosity. Our anxiety about what others might think reduces our witness to a whisper. Our dread of rejection cripples our love. Forgive us, we pray, and remind us as you did Timothy so long ago that you did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin

and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Congregational Response - "Gloria Patri"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304-Blue "Jesus Loves Me" (verse 1) *Jesus Loves Me*

Children of the Church Pastor John Koerner

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

We need your help, O Lord. For without your Holy Spirit the scriptures are just so many words and the sermon is just so much hot air. So fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may hear the truth of your Word. Then may our lives be melted, molded, and transformed into the people you would have us to be. Speak to us, and help us to hear. For this we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson Romans 8:14-17
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Fear Distorts Reality" *Rev. John F. Koerner*
I am a child of God. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
I believe he has the power to change my life and your life.

Silent prayer and reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*The Creed *A Brief Statement of Faith* (lines 1-6, 72-80)

**In Life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
To live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
Praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn 302 "I Danced in the Morning" *Simple Gifts*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering

Offertory

"Lords Prayer" Bells

Jeff Mitchell

*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn see insert “Standing on the Promises”

Benediction

*Organ Postlude “Festive March in D” by Rebikoff Kay Devono

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Westminster Hall following the service.

Liturgists.....The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
 Officiant and Preacher.....Rev. John F. Koerner
 Worship Leader.....Ginger Delawder
 Organist.....Dr. Mary Kay Devono
 Acolytes.....
 Parish Associate.....Rev. Charla Waters Koerner

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