

Service for the Lord's Day

July 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church
Asheboro, North Carolina

Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

arr. Marilyn Ham

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

The Gathering of God’s People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

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from Psalm 36

L: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

P: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

L: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

P: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

L: Praise the Lord who makes Heaven and earth!

P: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Reckless Love”

Cory Asbury, Psalm 150

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 46

Holy God, we can be so full of fear at times – afraid of the unknown; afraid of what is beyond our control; afraid of what is strange to us. And we know that fear stops us in our tracks, hinders our actions, and gives excuses for not doing what you call us to do. So we pray that you will give us courage, O God. Give us strong hearts and open hands, that we might set aside our fear and walk confidently into this world you have made—full of hope. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: Hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #581

“Gloria Patri”

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“City Called Heaven”

arr. Josephine Poelinitz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Song without Words, Op. 85 no. 4, "Andante sostenuto" *Felix Mendelssohn*

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1: 1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 6: 45-51

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" *verses 1,2*

SERMON "Out of Chaos, Hope" *The Rev. Brian K. Rummage*

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, what awesome things God has done. It is the LORD who makes war to cease in all the world, who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Being Sent into the World

HYMN #838 "Standing on the Promises"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshiping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children's Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children's Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children's message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children's Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children's worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-5th grade) will go to room 103. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire "big church" service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices. Protective face masks are available in the Narthex.

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