

Service for the Lord's Day

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church



Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Haydn, arr. Roger House

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 139

L: LORD, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

P: You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

L: Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

P: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

L: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, creator of the universe, we are awed by your wondrous works and overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom. For all your majesty we praise you; yet even more we rejoice that you do not forget us, that you want to know us, that you come to care for us, sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Good Good Father”

Chris Tomlin, Psalm 150

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: Hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #434

“Restore in Us, O God”

verses 1,3

*Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.*

*Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“Come, Share the Lord”

arr. Lloyd Larson

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

“To the Rising Sun, Op. 4 no. 1”

Trygve Torjussen

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 16:10

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Search for a Good Life: Character”

Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Being Sent into the World

HYMN #509

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

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-4th 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.

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