Service for the Lord's Day

July 27, 2025 10:30 a.m.



Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE "Holy Manna" arr. Joseph Martin

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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- L: We are here, not because we have found God, but because God has found us.
- P: God has called us to accept the cost and discover the joy of discipleship.
- L: God's promise is of forgiveness of sin and fullness of Grace,
- P: Courage to work for justice in the face of evil,
- L: Power to make peace,
- P: And hope against hope that God's purpose will be fulfilled.
- L: Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto God, now and forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #24

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whose Spirit came in tongues of fire, save us from the fire of our tongues. Forgive us the sharp comment, the unkind cut, the easy lie, the smooth flattery. And pardon our silences; the witness not made, the truth unspoken, the comfort held back, the praise not offered. By your living word, empower our words, that in the freedom of forgiveness we may serve you in joy.

SILENT CONFESSION

- L: Lord, in your mercy.
- P: Hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #441

"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

verse 1

Hear the good news of salvation:

Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love You!

Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me.

Love me still and cleanse within.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

After the passing of the peace, any children who desire to attend Children's Church may be dismissed to the back of the sanctuary with Mrs. Carla.

ANTHEM

"The Church is an Ark"

Pepper Choplin

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 "L'heure rêvée" Michel Block

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

EPISTLE READING READING Galatians 6:1-6
GOSPEL READING Luke 10:1-11

L: The word of the Lord.P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Evangelism is Not a Four-Letter Word"

Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry

HYMN #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain... God raised this Jesus from the dead...delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Being Sent into the World

SONG OF PRAISE

"10,000 Reasons"

Myrin/Redman, Psalm 150

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.

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