

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the Word of his Kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45 a.m.)

Hymns 703, 697, 699, 698

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Prelude V Op. 23 Nr. 4”

Rachmaninoff

Call to Worship

We are children of God, learning to walk.

Hosea 11:3–4

Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

* Hymn 658

“God Is So Good”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason,

and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 582, v. 1

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son

whose grace has pardoned me, and the Spirit whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11 (OT, p.842)

Psalter: Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (Hymnal 653)

A Time with Children

Special Music

“Puer Nobis”

arr. G. Matheny

Second Lesson: Luke 12:13-21 (NT, p. 74)

Sermon: “The Problem with Talking to Yourself”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

* Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death -
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way that
not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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.

Offering

Offertory

“Prelude I in C Major BWV 846”

J.S. Bach

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 708

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Presto” from Sonata Op. 8 Nr. 3

Clementi

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Grace Farrell
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Guest Pianist	Nathaniel Worrell
Usher	Barbara Norton

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Church Family Announcements

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is regularly staffed by Heather Lyons.

Want to read the Bible with others in a supportive, non-threatening small group? We are restarting our very popular [Immerse Bible reading](#) groups. We have one volunteer convener and she's looking for others to join in. Interested? Let us know of your interest in participating by phone or email (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org).

Interested in joining a Presbyterian Women Bible Study in the fall? We are exploring who would like to take part in a women's "circle". If interested, send a note to Barbara Pittman at peachyphace@gmail.com or call her at 570-587-2050.

Check out our Summer Book Swap: A table in the narthex has mystery novels, spy fiction, and a few non-fiction selections. They are for the taking (or borrowing). Have some beach books that you would like to share? Put them on the table!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: through Labor Day, church office hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This Week at a Glance

Today

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Tuesday, August 2

- **7 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, **ZOOM**

Wednesday, August 3

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209

Thursday, August 4

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Building and Grounds, Room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Christian Education, Room 206

Saturday, August 6

- **2 p.m.**, wedding, Sanctuary; reception, Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, August 7

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.**

