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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome!

Prelude "Jordan" arr. Johnson

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

God's glory is too much to comprehend, but we see God's face among us when we come together as the church. Let us witness God's glory together!

*Hymn 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

God has chosen us, but we frequently fail to choose God's will for our lives. Let us go before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

****God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us.**

Assurance of God's Grace

The good news remains true: God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ.

****Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

Response "Sing A New Song"

****Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Halleluiah! (repeat)**

Stewardship 201 – Gail Pittman

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Oh, That Bleeding Lamb" Grothenhuis

Oh, that bleeding lamb, the Lord done sanctified him. Oh, that lamb done sanctified my soul.

*Doxology

****Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Please rise in body or Spirit. | **Words in bold print are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

Prayers of the People

**Where there is hunger and thirst in the land,
scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus be with us, make use of our hands.
Lift up your people in need.**

****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.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace of Christ be with you.

****And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Time with Children – Nancy Grant

*Hymn 692 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

First Lesson Isaiah 45: 1-7

"This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for snacks after worship!

Morning Liturgist – Gabrielle Goodrich



Second Lesson Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kyle McCormick
- 3 Michele Graupmann
- 3 Barbara Bond
- 11 Robby Pond
- 14 Merle Gootee, III
- 16 Amanda McCormick
- 21 Todd Taylor
- 21 Gail Pittman
- 24 John Fay
- 25 Frances Hasty
- 30 Tom Goolsby
- 31 Matthew Goodrich

Prayers of the People

- Family of Anne Luna
- Nantz Parker
- Rusty Vann
- Bev Smith, Mallory's Mother-In-Law
- Josh Bennett
- Skip Parker
- Nancy Ward
- David Stuart
- Paul and Alice Butler
- Lane Pittman
- Robert Norfleet
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley
- Connie, Friend of Oralie

Sermon "Paying Taxes" Dr. Steven Frazier

*Hymn 670 "From the Rising of the Sun"

Benediction

*Benediction Response "Jesus Be with Us" Gambrell

**Jesus, be with us. Help us each day
to follow the Gospel and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way
Jesus be with us today.**