

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 4, 2024 – 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

"Elevation"

Dubois

Choral Call to Worship

**Call to Worship

All you with grumbling stomachs, hungry for bread, nourishment, and flourishing:

Draw near to God.

All you with dry throats, thirsting for water, wisdom, and justice:

Draw near to God.

All you with empty arms, searching for a warm embrace, a meaningful life, and a loving community:

Draw near to God.

*Hymn 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

Invitation to Confession

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

Bread of life and manna from heaven, you provide for each of us and for all of us. You join every ligament, knitting us together, a whole body. May each of our parts promote our common growth as your love feeds us. Nourish us, fill us, enliven us, so that we can feed each other and seek the good of each and all, both near and far. This we pray through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Grace

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Response

"Sing a New Song"

Hymn 276

****Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high.**

Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings – Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

"I Will Arise"

arr. Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

*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*

Apostles' Creed

****I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

Time with Children

Hymn 460

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

First Lesson

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13

When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. After the time of mourning was over, David had her son brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the Lord.

The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared for the one who had come to him.

David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: “I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’

“This is what the Lord says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do things in broad daylight before all Israel.’”

Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

Second Lesson

Psalm 51: 1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely, I was sinful at birth,

sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Sermon

“Busted”

The Rev. Steve Frazier

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

****And also with you.**

****We lift them to the Lord.**

****It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore, with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

****Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

****Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

****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.**

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Hymn 81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Benediction

**Benediction Response

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (refrain)

Hymn 69

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace of Christ be with you.

****And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

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

Sunday’s Liturgist – Pat Sparks

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Prayers of the People

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| Alice Lerp | Jean Byers |
| Nancy Ward | Wayne Braswell |
| Connie, friend of Oralie | Paul and Alice Butler |
| Bev Smith, Mallory's mother-in-law | Lane Pittman |
| Josh Bennett | Robert Norfleet |
| Monica Manley | Kathy Goolsby |
| Jackie LaPonte | The family of Barbara Owens |
| Maria Rhodes | Mary, friend of Bobbi Stegall |
| Gus Spanos | Barbara Bond |
| Angela Calicchio, Sofia's mother | Mike Mike Taylor |
| Cecilia Fry and children Alfred and Teresa Fry | Betty Hunt, friend of Michele |
| Dana Arden | Oralie Wilhite |
| Peggy Norfleet | David Stuart, Mary's brother |
| Nancy Grant | Frances Hasty, Pat's sister |

Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

SESSION

Steve Frazier – Moderator of Session
Cameron McCormick
Norma Halterman
Todd Taylor
Oralie Wilhite
Linda Audet
Michelle Graupmann
Diane Griffin
Mary Ann Taylor
Michael Broadhurst

TRUSTEES

Earl Griffin
John Hackworth
Pat Sparks

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 10 Mike Mike Taylor | 23 Benjamin Kenrick |
| 12 Nancy Mayo | 23 Richard Griffin |
| 16 Wayne Rutsch | 26 Margie Arambula |
| 17 Carrie Griffin | 26 Kim McCormick |
| 19 Grady Fitzwater | 28 Linda Hackworth |
| 19 Linda Rodrigues | 29 Alice Simpson |
| 20 Art Kennis | 29 Logan Aliff |
| 22 Emily Fay | 31 Benjamin McCormick |