

Sunday Morning Worship

January 29, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.
After worship, please greet your neighbors by name.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Pavane Paul Drayton

The Call to Worship

O come, let us sing to the Lord

And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

Singing joyful songs of praise.

Come, let us worship God!

*The Hymn of Praise "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" 383

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. (silent confession)

*The Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Bible:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*The Response *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

The Anthem "Blessed Are the Peacemakers" Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Psalm Psalm 15 page 601 OT

The Time with the Children (Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

The Old Testament Reading Micah 6:1-8 page 1011 OT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12 page 5 NT

The Sermon Rev. Dr. Wally Mayton

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith from "The Brief Statement of Faith" PC(USA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. 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! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

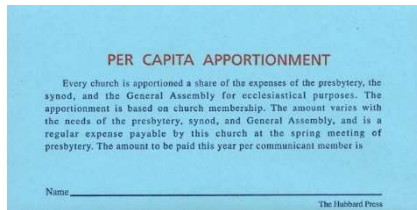
*The Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" 386



Per Capita

As fewer people use boxes of offering envelopes, we will place articles in the newsletter if there are special envelopes in the offering boxes. The special envelope for January is the Per Capita envelope. Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole; it is part

of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The total 2023 Per Capita for our church is \$7,949.00, which equates to **\$29.77 per member** (not per household). This goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery. If each member pays their Per Capita amount above their regular giving, then pressure on our budget is reduced. Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.



Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women's Circle, Community events.



- Sunday February 5, help us welcome our permanent pastor, Rev. Ruth Estell. The Installation of Rev. Estell will happen at a date yet to be scheduled.
- The church office will be open Monday – Thursday, 10:00 – 2:00
- Folks needing congregational care should contact the office at (989) 792-1023 and the appropriate individuals will be contacted. Voicemails and emails will be monitored when the office is closed.

Give Online!



We thank those of you who have utilized our new online giving option! As you've heard, we partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation for a new, easy to use, online giving tool! You can scan this QR code with your smart phone to set up online giving. You can also visit our website, www.spcsaginaw.org, and click the "Give Now" button. You can use this for one-time giving, or to set up recurring giving! Thank you for your gifts to



Second Presbyterian Church!

Music and Worship Committee

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available so please look for a Sunday service you can help! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!

