

Sunday Morning Worship

July 2, 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. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude Excerpt from *Appalachian Spring* by Aaron Copland

The Call to Worship

God, who loved us and set us free from all our sins, calls us to worship him today.

Our hearts rejoice in our salvation.

God loves us with a love that will not let us go.

We trust in God's unfailing love.

Let us worship the eternal God of love.

We will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to us.

*The Hymn of Praise The God of Abraham Praise 488

*The Call to Confession

The Psalmist prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Trusting in God's love and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. We confess that we often do not worship your true self but who we wish you to be. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you desire. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ our Lord. Therein lies our assurance that in Jesus, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

The Special Music "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart K. Hine
Chuck Kemerer, vocals

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 22:1-14 page 22 OT

The Psalm Psalm 13 page 601 OT

The Time with the Children

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) page 14

*The Hymn Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed 78

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 592

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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn To God Be the Glory 485

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copland
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Kitty Myers

Greeter:

Ushers: Beverly Briggs

Fellowship Hour: Kathy Salak

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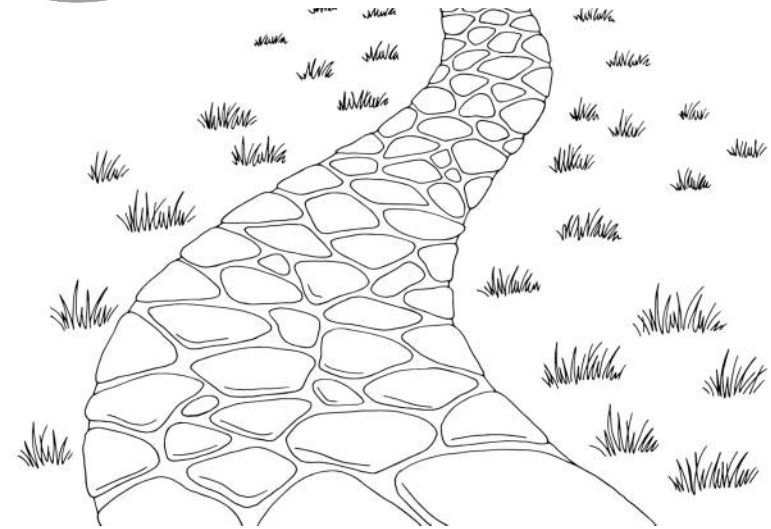
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JOURNEY OF Faith



Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Attention: If you are not interested in having a paper newsletter mailed to your home, please cross your name off the list that is on the sign-up table in the gathering area or call the office @ 989-792-1023. Thank You.

Maintenance Custodian

Second Presbyterian Church

This is a second custodial position that will help with a variety of regular maintenance tasks outside of the current custodian's job description and be a backup for when the current custodian is on vacation or sick. It requires a person who is flexible and on call. This task is broken down into several duties performed throughout the church interior and exterior, throughout the day or at other regular intervals. A complete list of requirements is in a folder on the stand outside the church office.



Summer Special Music

Do you like to sing or play an instrument? If so, please consider signing up to provide special music for a Sunday service over the summer! The sign-up sheet is on the sign-up table. You can contact music director Collin Whitfield at collin.whitfield@gmail.com. Thanks!



Summer Signup Sheets

Sign up in the gathering area to be a summer liturgist, greeter, usher, or coffee hour host. Please see where you can help on Sunday mornings during the summer.



June and July Mission Project

Watch for back-to-school specials! For the months of June and July, the mission committee will be collecting school supplies for Brethren and Arthur Eddy Academy elementary school children. Any donations of backpacks, pencils, crayons, or other needed items may be placed on the table in the mission corner to be delivered before the start of school.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church

The Food Pantry is running low on personal care items that they give out once a month. **Trial or Travel size of any of the following products:** Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Hand Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Body Lotion, Hand Cream

There is a box on the table in the Mission Corner to place these items in. If you would like to send a check in support, please make checks out to *First Presbyterian Church* and indicate it is for the Food Pantry.

Office Hours

The church office hours for this week are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

- Secretary back-up needed to cover for Sonia during vacation. (answering the phone, printing the bulletin for Sunday are a couple of responsibilities that are needed)

The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Prayer of Illumination

Oh Lord, our God,
in the reading and proclamation of your Word,
we pray you will illumine our minds and hearts
so that we may hear and understand your Word,
that we may come to know you better,
and that we may be equipped to live according to your Word
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Genesis 22:1-14

22 Some time later God tested Abraham; he called to him, "Abraham!" And Abraham answered, "Yes, here I am!"

² "Take your son," God said, "your only son, Isaac, whom you love so much, and go to the land of Moriah. There on a mountain that I will show you, offer him as a sacrifice to me."

³ Early the next morning Abraham cut some wood for the sacrifice, loaded his donkey, and took Isaac and two servants with him. They started out for the place that God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham saw the place in the distance. ⁵ Then he said to the servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there and worship, and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham made Isaac carry the wood for the sacrifice, and he himself carried a knife and live coals for starting the fire. As they walked along together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up, "Father!"

He answered, "Yes, my son?"

Isaac asked, "I see that you have the coals and the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide one." And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place which God had told him about, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son and placed him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he picked up the knife to kill him. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"

He answered, "Yes, here I am."

¹² "Don't hurt the boy or do anything to him," he said. "Now I know that you honor and obey God, because you have not kept back your only son from him."

¹³ Abraham looked around and saw a ram caught in a bush by its horns. He went and got it and offered it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ Abraham named that place "The LORD Provides."^[a] And even today people say, "On the LORD's mountain he provides."^[b]

Psalms 13

13 How much longer will you forget me, LORD? Forever?

How much longer will you hide yourself from me?

² How long must I endure trouble?

How long will sorrow fill my heart day and night?

How long will my enemies triumph over me?

³ Look at me, O LORD my God, and answer me.

Restore my strength; don't let me die.

⁴ Don't let my enemies say, "We have defeated him."

Don't let them gloat over my downfall.

⁵ I rely on your constant love;

I will be glad, because you will rescue me.

⁶ I will sing to you, O LORD,

because you have been good to me.