

Sunday Morning Worship

October 8, 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.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Praise Him in the Morning

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The Call to Worship

God gathers us together and invites us into relationship with him.

**Nothing compares to the surpassing greatness of knowing
Christ Jesus our Lord.**

In Christ, we have received God's mercy and grace.

Our righteousness is not of our own that comes from the law.

Our righteousness comes from God and is through faith in Christ.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*The Hymn of Praise *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* 379

*The Call to Confession

The greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. The second is to love your neighbor as yourself. All the law hangs on these two commandments. Because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sin to God, trusting in Christ as our Savior.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your law is good, trustworthy, and just. You have instructed us in how we should live and yet so often we think we know better. We don't follow your ways or honor you with our thoughts, words, and actions. We don't live in loving relationship with you and others. Too often we think so highly of ourselves that we overlook sin in our lives. Open our eyes that we might repent and be made right with you. [Silent Confession.] Merciful God, free us from the bondage of sin. Through Christ our Savior, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God has forgiven us in Christ. **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 Passing of the Peace

The Anthem *Prelude in C* Bach

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 page 87 OT

The Psalm Psalm 19:7-14 page 605 OT

The New Testament Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 page 268 NT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

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

*The Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* 101

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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach

*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 *Be Thou My Vision* 339

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *March in D* Handel

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Sara Hyde

Greeter: Kristi Millar

Ushers: Wally & Anne Schmidt and Hugh Mattson

Coffee Hour Hosts: Carol Poole & Friends

Newsletter Calendar Correction

The Calendar in the October Newsletter has the incorrect
Sunday Worship time...

Worship Service is STILL at 9:00 a.m.

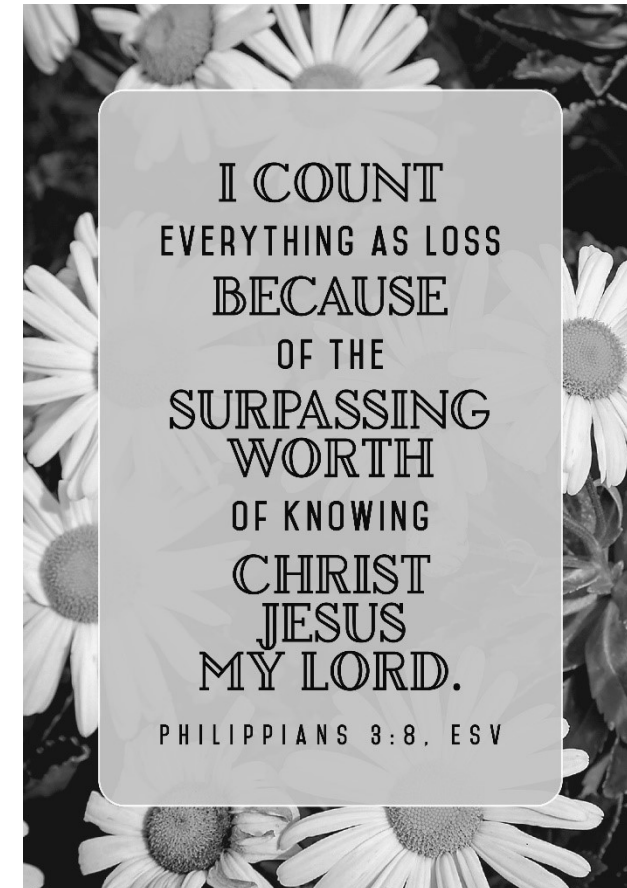
The office will be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As
always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen
circumstances can occur.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, October 11**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue watching and discussing the DVD "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey.

2nd @ Second Will Be Resuming TODAY!

We will be studying *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. Everyone is welcome to attend! 2nd @ Second meets from 10:15-11:15 Sunday mornings after the worship service. There is no need to buy the book, but if you would like your own copy, you can purchase it by going to: www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/cloud-of-witnesses/ **NO 2nd @ Second next Sunday, October 15, so you can participate in the CROP WALK.**



Our Fish Fry is fast approaching on **Friday, October 20, 2023!** Please consider distributing the enclosed flyer to a friend or business and sharing our event on Facebook!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. It really is a fun event! Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which provides funding for many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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MISSION NEWS

The Mission Committee will be hosting a non-traditional CROP Walk at the church after worship on October 15th, 2023. We will have an open-walk from 10:30 AM-Noon (this allows some time for traffic to clear out). Anyone interested can join us in fellowship, walking laps around the church parking lot. We will have a free-will donation with **proceeds going to CROP. Donations could be made online through the CROP page or mark an envelope and drop it in the collection plate. This is a great charity and fellowship opportunity, anyone interested may walk as much or as little as they please.** If you are interested in joining us, please meet us in the fellowship area following coffee hour.



Second Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for the community Sunday, October 29th, 2023 from 11am-1pm. Please consider participating as we will need a minimum of 20 cars to make the event worthwhile. The Christian Education committee will help you come up with ideas to decorate your car. Each car will pass out candy and will have a game for the kids to participate in. Refreshments will be served. We hope to make this a fun annual event. **A sign-up sheet is on the table outside of the Sanctuary.** Candy donations will also be needed.

Suggestions to the Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee invites you to participate in the nominating process by carefully considering the qualifications for office of Elder, and then suggesting names of persons who could serve. There are forms on the table in the entrance to the church. You can even nominate yourself! Place in an envelope addressed to the nominating committee and send it to the church or place it in the collection plate. Your Nominating committee thanks you for your suggestions. **Please have your nominations turned in by October 29.**

Prayer of Illumination

May the words of your servant's mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

20 God spoke, and these were his words: **2** "I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves.

3 "Worship no god but me.

4 "Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or on earth or in the water under the earth.

7 "Do not use my name for evil purposes, for I, the LORD your God, will punish anyone who misuses my name.

8 "Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. **9** You have six days in which to do your work,

12 "Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you.

13 "Do not commit murder.

14 "Do not commit adultery.

15 "Do not steal.

16 "Do not accuse anyone falsely.

17 "Do not desire another man's house; do not desire his wife, his slaves, his cattle, his donkeys, or anything else that he owns."

18 When the people heard the thunder and the trumpet blast and saw the lightning and the smoking mountain, they trembled with fear and stood a long way off. **19** They said to Moses, "If you speak to us, we will listen; but we are afraid that if God speaks to us, we will die."

20 Moses replied, "Don't be afraid; God has only come to test you and make you keep on obeying him, so that you will not sin."

Psalm 19:7-14

7 The law of the LORD is perfect;
it gives new strength.

The commands of the LORD are trustworthy,
giving wisdom to those who lack it.

8 The laws of the LORD are right,
and those who obey them are happy.

The commands of the LORD are just
and give understanding to the mind.

9 Reverence for the LORD is good;
it will continue forever.

The judgments of the LORD are just;
they are always fair.

10 They are more desirable than the finest gold;
they are sweeter than the purest honey.

11 They give knowledge to me, your servant;
I am rewarded for obeying them.

12 None of us can see our own errors;
deliver me, LORD, from hidden faults!

13 Keep me safe, also, from willful sins;
don't let them rule over me.

Then I shall be perfect
and free from the evil of sin.

14 May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my refuge and my redeemer!