

Sunday Morning Worship

August 27, 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 the Lord Who Reigns Above Nares

The Call to Worship

O Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**
Come, let us worship God!

*The Hymn of Praise Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 376

*The Call to Confession

God is light, and in God is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. So let us confess our sins to God, knowing that God is faithful and just, to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*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

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Friends believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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 Anthem It Is Well with My Soul Bliss
Peggy Knutson, soloist

The Word of God

The Psalm Psalm 124 page 682 OT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20 page 24 NT

The Sermon Rev. Jim Neumann

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed (Traditional) hymnal page 15

*The Hymn At the Name of Jesus 148

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 Here I Am, Lord Schutte

*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 We All Are One in Mission 435

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude Recessional on "St. Anne" Young

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Kalina

Greeter: Cheryl Kelly

Ushers: Pete & Ginny Brucker

Coffee Hour Host: Carol Poole & Friends

Thank you, Rev. Jim Neumann, for filling our pulpit today. You may have heard Rev. Neumann preach at Second Pres. once or twice before. He was our solo Pastor for 25 years, retiring in 2020. 😊

Thank you, Laurel Taipale, for filling in as our musical accompanist today. Laurel was the Second Pres Music Director for 25 years also retiring in 2020



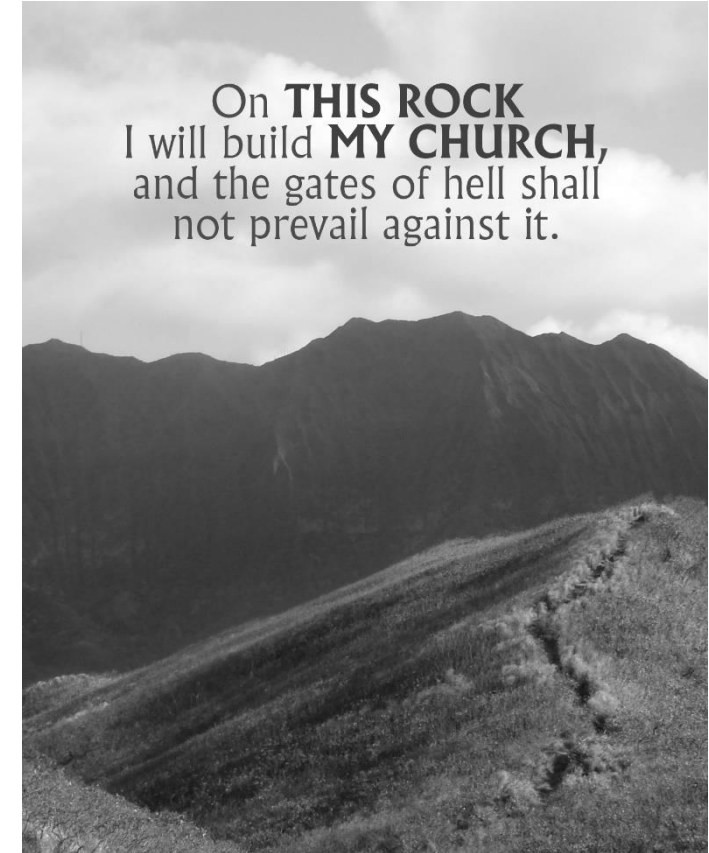
Pastor Ruth will continue her vacation through Wednesday 9/6/2023. Please call the office @ 989-792-1023 for pastoral care. Sonia will be in the office Monday 8/28/2023 – Wednesday 8/31/2023 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that she is in the office before you drive to the church.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

The church office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, September 17, we will “Kickoff” the New Church Year with crafts, food, and a Ministry Fair that will be fun for the whole family. Please mark your calendars, invite friends and family, and come to church to celebrate the start of the New Church Year. More details will come soon.

We Invite You to Join Second Presbyterian Church



If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join Second Presbyterian Church. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the sign-up table, mark the Fellowship Pad, or call the church office (792-1023) to let us know you're interested. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Ruth.

Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **September 2**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. On the first Sunday of each month, we provide a bag lunch for the Rescue Mission which is assembled the day before in our church kitchen. We meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work! Next month's day to assemble lunches will be **Saturday, September 30**.



White Elephant Sale - Saturday, October 7.

Clean out your garages and closets and keep in mind we'll have our annual White Elephant Sale on **October 7**. Set-up will begin Wednesday October 4 and will require a lot of volunteers. Please mark your calendars for the dates. Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering area soon.



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