

# Sunday Worship

July 4, 2021, 9:30 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.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Here I Am, Lord* Schuette  
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The Call to Worship  
We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.  
**We come seeking a blessing from our Lord.**  
What is this blessing that we seek?  
**We seek encounter with our God, who washes us in mercy, calls us to service, and fills us with love.**  
Let us worship God together.

The Hymn of Praise *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart* 326  
(verses 1 & 3)

The Call to Confession Romans 8:38-39  
Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Assured by these words of promise, let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession  
**You are love, O God, and you have loved us from the beginning. Forgive us when we do not share your love with the world: When we choose selfishness over compassion; what feels comfortable rather than what is right; When we strive for success instead of faithfulness, when we value independence over community. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.**  
O Lord, hear us now as we approach you in the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions. (Silence)  
O Lord, help us to seek understanding and compassion, and trust in your merciful grace to us. Amen.

\*The Assurance of Pardon  
Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,  
**and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**  
Friends, believe this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

\*The Gloria Patri 577  
**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Special Music *Battle Hymn of the Republic* Althouse  
(live stream will be muted)

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children  
The Old Testament Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 OT 338  
The Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-13 NT 54  
The Sermon "Coming Home" Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)  
What do you believe when you confess your faith in "God the Father Almighty"?  
**That God is a God of love, and that God's love is powerful beyond measure.**  
What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?  
**That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God. Amen!**

\*The Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* 220  
(verses 1, 3 & 4)

# Second Presbyterian Church

2665 Midland Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

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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 Prayer of Dedication

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*God Be With You*

Timer & Keveren

Hal Leonard(member publisher of One License)

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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Communion Service



On Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, we will receive Communion during the service. If you would like to partake from home with us, please call the church office to arrange to pick up a prepackaged element cup. If you know of a member that cannot get out, please let the office know so we can schedule an in-home communion service. **We will also collect non-perishable food items for First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.**

## Mission News



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## Help Needed

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