

# Sunday Morning Worship

August 13, 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 *Pastorale* by Collin Whitfield

The Call to Worship

Let us worship God.

**He is our refuge and fortress, our God, in whom we trust.**

Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

Let us call upon the one true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, and worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

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

\*The Call to Confession

All of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. But Scripture tells us that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, you have promised to always be with us and to bless those who call on you. Forgive us when we sink into despair as the storms of life rage around us. Forgive us when we doubt and allow our fears to overwhelm us. Forgive us when we think we can save ourselves, forgetting that you are all-powerful and ready to save. Lord, have mercy. [Silent Confession.] Lord, we call out to you. Save us from our sins and from all that would take our eyes off you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God is ready to save those who call out to him. Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. **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 Anthem "A Simple Song" from *Mass*  
by Stephen Schwartz and Leonard Bernstein (Deanna Patton, vocals)

## The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 19:9-18 page 397 OT

The Psalm Psalm 85:8-9 page 651 OT

The New Testament Reading Romans 10:8-15 page 213 NT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33 page 21 NT

The Time with the Children

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

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

\*The Hymn We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight 399

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 "How Can I Keep from Singing" arr. Richard Walters  
(Erin Whitfield, vocals)

\*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 Hear I Am, Lord 525

\*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Carillon de Westminster* by Louis Vierne  
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

\* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

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**Liturgist:** JoAnn Hunt

**Greeter:** Kristi Millar

**Ushers:** Pete & Ginny Brucker



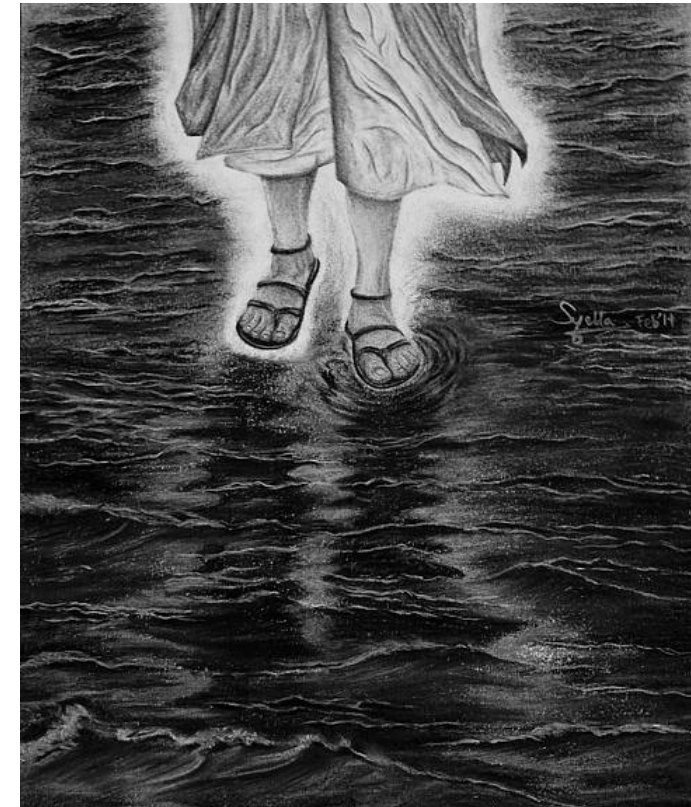
**Sonia is on vacation Monday through Wednesday 8/14-8/16. The church office will be open on Thursday 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.** Pastor Ruth will be available for Pastoral care but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that she is in the office before you drive to the church.

# Second Presbyterian Church

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## August Mission Project



The mission committee is collecting school supplies for Brethren and Arthur Eddy Academy elementary school children until **August 13**. 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.



## White Elephant Sale - Saturday, September 30.

Clean out your garages and closets this summer and keep in mind we'll have our annual White Elephant Sale on September 30.

Set-up will begin Wednesday September 27 and will require a lot of volunteers. Please mark your calendars for the dates. Sign-up

sheets will be in the gathering area soon.



## Fish Fry – Save the Date!

It's not too early to plan! Please mark your calendars for our next Fish Fry on **Friday, October 20, 2023!** We always need help to make our fish fries a great success. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church. Most recently the Presbyterian Men contributed \$9,000.00 towards our new roof, this was made possible by your hard work on the fish fries! Thank you for your support!

## Substitute Pulpit Supply Schedule

Pastor Ruth will be on vacation Wednesday August 23- Wednesday September 6. The Pastors who will fill our pulpit will be:

- **August 27 – Rev. Jim Neumann**
- **September 3 – Rev. Michael Hahn**

## Building Maintenance Fund

The Building Maintenance Fund was established to ensure costly capital repairs or purchases wouldn't negatively impact the budget. Over the years, folks have given generously to the Building Maintenance Fund. In the last three years, the roofs over Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, and the Gathering Area/Sunday School have been replaced at the cost \$96,950. This was paid mostly from the funds in the Building Maintenance Fund (the Presbyterian Men also contributed) and will result in the fund's depletion. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to make these costly repairs without worrying about the financial impact on our programs.



The Finance Committee is asking the congregation to prayerfully consider a special donation to replenish the Building Fund from now through the end of the year.

If you choose to donate, please indicate it is designated for the Building Fund. Thank you in advance for your continued kindness and support.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee: Adam Engel, Karen Kalina, Brian McNalley, or Mike Patton.

## Save the Date

Second Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for the community Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 will be on the table outside of the Sanctuary starting in August. Candy donations will also be needed.