

Sunday Morning Worship

September 24, 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

God of Grace and God of Glory

Bach, arr. Culli

The Call to Worship

God invites us to see the world through new eyes.

Open our eyes, God, and help us to see in new ways.

God invites us to experience the wonderful sounds that surround us.

Open our ears, God, and help us hear in new ways.

God invites us to worship, using all of our senses to praise God.

Let us worship God!

*The Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*The Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

O God, you have given us hearts to see as you see and yet we often don't notice things around us. Situations right in front of us demand our attention, but we don't know what to do, so we look away. Sometimes we see, but we don't understand. We need help; but sometimes we are too stubborn to ask for it. Often we fail to notice the wonderful value of the people around us. Often we fail to notice all you give us. Forgive us, O God, and help us to truly see and understand. (Silent Confession)

*The Assurance of Pardon (from Psalm 103)

The Lord is merciful and loving, slow to become angry and full of constant love. He does not keep on rebuking; He is not angry forever. He does not punish us as we deserve or repay us according to our sins and wrongs.

As high as the sky is above the earth, so great is his love for those who honor him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins from us.

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

*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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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 Word of God

The Psalm

Psalm 150

page 694 OT

The Gospel Reading

John 9:1-25

page 137 NT

The Sermon

Rev. Jim Neumann

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed(traditional)

hymnal page 14

*The Hymn

Open My Eyes That I May See

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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 *Fairest Lord Jesus with My Heart Ever Faithful* arr. Page

*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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* 267

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Burkhardt

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Kalina

Greeter: Kristi Millar

Ushers: Wally & Anne Schmidt

Coffee Hour Hosts: Carol Poole & Friends

Thank You Rev. Jim Neumann for once again filling our pulpit.

Thank You Annelise Holcomb for sharing your musical talent with us this Sunday.

Pastor Ruth will be out of the office this week 9/24-9/30. If pastoral care is needed, please call the office @ 989-792-1023.

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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**As long
as I am
in the
WORLD,
I am the
LIGHT
of the
WORLD.**

John 9:5

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

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make Kickoff Sunday an enormous success. The participation by the committees along with the congregation was remarkable. We will have more opportunities for the congregation to enjoy in the months ahead. Thank You for your continued support of Second Presbyterian Church.

Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **September 30**, 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, November 4**.



For September, the mission focus will be "It's All About the Cross," the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail. Books must be soft cover, and with a positive theme, inspirational/self-help books, or literature encouraging inmates to grow in their faith. They may also accept puzzle

books or magazines, such as crosswords or word-searches. **They are unable to accept hard cover books, books with stapled bindings, or books with themes of romance, crime/thriller, or violent themes including those about war.** If you are not able to donate books, but would like to contribute, consider a donation to the Mission Committee as we will also be donating bibles to the ministry to help in their outreach to those in jail. Please mark your donation "Prison Ministry Bibles".

World Communion Sunday

Next Sunday, October 1, communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate.



We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**. We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.

2nd @ Second Will Be Resuming In October!

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. The exact start date is uncertain as we wait for the materials to arrive, but please consider joining this time of fellowship and Bible Study. 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/



White Elephant Sale

Our annual White Elephant Sale is **Saturday, October 7**. You can start bringing your treasures Sunday, September 24 after worship. All proceeds from the sale are used to support various non-profit groups in our area and abroad.

Fish Fry – Save the Date!

It is 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. Signup sheets are on the table in the main hallway.

