

Sunday Morning Worship

July 23, 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 Impromptu No. 3 in G-flat major (abr.) by Franz Schubert

The Call to Worship (from Psalm 86)

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth;

Give me an undivided heart to revere Your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

You have delivered my soul from sin and death.

You, O Lord, are merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

In this time of worship,

May we come before You with our whole heart open to Your will.

*The Hymn of Praise Great Is Thy Faithfulness 276

*The Call to Confession (1 John 1:8)

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Sin is our stumbling block before God. Repentance clears our path to hear and receive God's truth. Let us confess our sins together.

*The Prayer of Confession

Master Gardener, weeds, and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of Your Word to help us discern what is evil and against Your will.

We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need Your truth. We hunger for Your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to You. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 "Morning Has Broken" by Farjeon/Howard
(Billie Bauer, vocals)

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 28:10-19a page 31 OT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 page 19 NT

The Sermon Rev. Michael Hahn

Our Response to Serve

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

*The Hymn We Plow the Fields and Scatter 560

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 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 Precious Lord, Take My Hand 404

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude Fugue from Sonata No. 2, Op. 65 by Felix Mendelssohn
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Adam Engel

Greeter: Kristi Millar

Ushers: Beverly Briggs, Pete & Ginny Brucker

Fellowship Hour: Peggy Donaldson

**The flowers today are in memory of Alice Briggs from her daughter
Beverly.**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Sharon Barber who
passed away on July 18.

**We welcome Reverend Michael Hahn to our pulpit today. Rev. Hahn served
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church for 20 years retiring in 2015. Rev. Hahn
achieved a B.A. in Sociology and a M.A.Ed. in Language Development from
Washington University. After completing a Master of Divinity at Trinity
Lutheran Seminary, he was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of
America. Thank You Reverend Hahn for filling our pulpit.**

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Communion Sunday

Next Sunday, July 30, 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.

Feeding Individuals



Sharing Hope

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.

The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church

The Food Pantry is running low on personal care items that they give out once a month. **Trial or Travel size of any of the following products:** Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Hand Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Body Lotion, Hand Cream

There is a box on the table in the Mission Corner to place these items in. If you would like to send a check in support, please make checks out to *First Presbyterian Church* and indicate it is for the Food Pantry.

Music Director Search Committee

The Session has selected the Music Director Search Committee. They are:

- Fred Herter
- Deanna Patton
- Bruce Smith
- Sally Carney



Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the search.



The church office hours for the week of July 24 – July 31 will be Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

******We need a few volunteers that can help clean the church during Nancy's recovery from surgery. If you are available and willing to help with some basic custodial duties, we will be meeting the next two Tuesdays: July 25 and August 1 at 10:00 AM. There are just a few tasks that will need to be done, so it should not take long if we get enough volunteers.*****

August Mission Project



The first of August is a week away! That means the beginning of the school year is coming fast! The back-to-school supplies are out in the stores! The mission committee will be 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.

Summertime...

Sweet Summertime

