

Sunday Morning Worship

September 10, 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 *Brother James' Air* Wood

The Call to Worship

Let us come together in the loving Spirit of the Lord!

Let us set aside all that might draw our hearts away from Christ.

Let nothing keep us from worshiping the Lord together.

For with Christ as our head, we are one body, the Church.

Let us lift our voices in praise for God's love and grace.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*The Hymn of Praise *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* 454

*The Call to Confession

God has given us his commandments and shown us how to live as his people. But all of us have failed to live in full obedience. Trusting in Christ as our Lord and Savior, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you fully, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. All too often, when conflicts in life have come, we have dealt with them poorly and sometimes even hurtfully. When we could have worked toward reconciliation and harmony, too often we have turned to our own ways and sought victory at any cost. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to love one another as we live as your people. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, help us to delight in your commandments and to walk in your ways, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

God does not treat us as our sins deserve. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. In Christ, our sins 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

*Passing of the Peace

The Special Music *Holy, Holy, Holy* Dykes

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm *Psalm 119:33-40* page 677 OT

The New Testament Reading *Romans 13:8-10* page 216 NT

The Gospel Reading *Matthew 18:15-20* page 26 NT

The Sermon *Rev. Ruth Estell*

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith *The Confession of 1967, 9.36-9.37*

The church gathers to praise God, to hear his word for mankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

*The Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* 148

The Mission Moment *It's All About the Cross Ministries* Chaplain Andy Cox

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 *On Eagle's Wings* Joncas

*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 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*(verses 1-3) 435

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata Jubiloso* Smith

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

We offer our prayers and condolences to Brian and Cathy McNalley at the death of Cathy's mother Joan Hall on August 28, 2023. Joan was a long-time member of Second Presbyterian Church. A private memorial service will be held for family only.

We offer our prayers and condolences to Sally Carney and family at the death of her sister Ramona Cardwell on August 30, 2023.

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FOR WHERE TWO OR
THREE ARE GATHERED
IN MY NAME, I AM
THERE AMONG THEM.

MATTHEW 18:20, NRSV

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

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Liturgist: Linda Poplewski
Greeter: Kristi Millar
Ushers: Wally & Anne Schmidt
Coffee Hour Host: Carol Poole & Friends

Announcements and Upcoming Events



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.

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.



Busy Hands and Hearts



Please come to the church **Monday, September 11 @ 1:00 p.m.** and find out what this group is all about. The group makes lap-ropes, hats, scarves, and other items which are donated to area schools and nursing homes. You do not have to sew or knit to join in the fun. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 13**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. As a Presbyterian Women's group, we meet once a month and enjoy spending time together as we get to know each other.



For September, the mission focus will be "It's All About the Cross," the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail. Chaplain Andy Cox, (Formerly of Forgotten Man Ministries) is continuing to collect books and bibles to provide to inmates at the Saginaw County Jail. Our mission focused collection will be books for this ministry. 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. In addition to any books collected, we will also be donating bibles to the ministry to help in their outreach to those in jail. For more information on the ministry work of "It's All About the Cross," visit <http://www.crosssaginaw.org>.

Peace & Global Witness –Special Offering

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received in worship on **World Communion Day, Sunday, October 1st**. Each congregation retains 25% of the Offering it receives to use for local peacemaking within the church and its community. 25% is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50% is used by the General Assembly ministries for Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs.



Working for peace and reconciliation in the world by transforming cultures of violence into communities of peace.

Amount \$ _____

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Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. — James 1:17