

Sunday Morning Worship

October 22, 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 *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* Held

The Call to Worship

Let us praise the Lord our God who reigns over the heavens and the earth.

Great is the Lord. He is exalted over all the nations.

Let us praise God in all his majesty and holiness.

The Lord our God is holy. He is deserving of all praise.

*The Hymn of Praise *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* 263

*The Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our ways to God's ways. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession *Prayers Encircling the World*, p. 151

**Merciful and loving God,
You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

[Silent Confession.] **Father, forgive me, renew me, and send me out as a usable instrument that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

*The Assurance of Pardon

We know that with God, there is forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus our Lord. God has said, "I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you."

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 Passing of the Peace

The Anthem *All Are Welcome* Haugen

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading *Exodus 33:12-23* page 102 OT

The Psalm *Psalm 99* page 660 OT

The New Testament Reading *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10* page 275 NT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

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

*The Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* 316

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 *Ye Servants of God* Young
 *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 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* 388

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
 that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Mansfield

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Genie Herter
Greeter: Kristi Millar
Ushers: Pete & Ginny Brucker and Hugh Matson
Coffee Hour Host: Ruth Anderson
Musical Talent: Laurel Taipale

**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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*We always thank
 GOD for all of you
 and continually
 mention you in
 our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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Meet us in the library **TODAY @ 10:15** as we continue to study *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!



Second Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for the community **Sunday, October 29th, 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 is on the table outside of the Sanctuary.**

Suggestions to the Nominating Committee



The Nominating committee invites you to participate in the nominating process by carefully considering the qualifications for office of Elder, and then suggesting names of persons who could serve. There are forms on the table in the entrance to the church. You can

even nominate yourself! Place in an envelope addressed to the nominating committee and send it to the church or place it in the collection plate. Your Nominating committee thanks you for your suggestions. **Please have your nominations turned in by October 29.**



Stewardship

Please prayerfully consider your giving to Second Presbyterian Church. We will be dedicating the cards **today** during our worship service. You may also mail your estimate of giving card to the church or bring it in on any Sunday. Together we can meet the challenges of funding ministry programs here.

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **November 4**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. This will be a recurring event on the **first Saturday of each month**. We will meet at 9:30 A.M. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.

Time Change November 5th



Remember to set your clocks **back** on Sunday, November 5th as we end Daylight Savings time!

All Saint's Sunday

On Sunday, November 5th, we will light a candle during the service to honor the faithful who have died during the past year in our own church community. It's a day of gratefulness for those that have passed away, and a time to reflect on how we can continue to share our faith with others. If you have someone who passed in the last 12 months and would like them honored, please let Pastor Ruth know or call the office @ 989-792-1023.

Prayer of Illumination

O Lord our God,
Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
That we may be obedient to your will and live for your glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "It is true that you have told me to lead these people to that land, but you did not tell me whom you would send with me. You have said that you know me well and are pleased with me. ¹³ Now if you are, tell me your plans, so that I may serve you and continue to please you. Remember also that you have chosen this nation to be your own."

¹⁴ The LORD said, "I will go with you, and I will give you victory."

¹⁵ Moses replied, "If you do not go with us, don't make us leave this place. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with your people and with me if you do not go with us? Your presence with us will distinguish us from any other people on earth."

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "I will do just as you have asked, because I know you very well and I am pleased with you."

¹⁸ Then Moses requested, "Please, let me see the dazzling light of your presence."

¹⁹ The LORD answered, "I will make all my splendor pass before you and in your presence I will pronounce my sacred name. I am the LORD, and I show compassion and pity on those I choose. ²⁰ I will not let you see my face, because no one can see me and stay alive, ²¹ but here is a place beside me where you can stand on a rock. ²² When the dazzling light of my presence passes by, I will put you in an opening in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take my hand away, and you will see my back but not my face."

Psalms 99

99 The LORD is king,

and the people tremble.

He sits on his throne above the winged creatures,
and the earth shakes.

² The LORD is mighty in Zion;

he is supreme over all the nations.

³ Everyone will praise his great and majestic name.

Holy is he!

⁴ Mighty king,^[a] you love what is right;

you have established justice in Israel;

you have brought righteousness and fairness.

⁵ Praise the LORD our God;

worship before his throne!

Holy is he!

⁶ Moses and Aaron were his priests,

and Samuel was one who prayed to him;

they called to the LORD, and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

they obeyed the laws and commands that he gave them.

⁸ O LORD, our God, you answered your people;

you showed them that you are a God who forgives,

even though you punished them for their sins.

⁹ Praise the LORD our God,

and worship at his sacred hill!^[b]

The LORD our God is holy.