

Sunday Morning Worship

July 30, 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

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Consolation No. 3 in D-flat Major by Franz Liszt

*The Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

Make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;

Tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

*The Hymn of Praise Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above 483

*The Call to Confession

We know that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

*The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us. We have put our longing for money, success, or happiness above our desire for you and your kingdom. We are so busy with our lives that we forget our every breath depends on you. We are careless of our words, wasteful of our resources, and indifferent toward the suffering around us. We go our own way, ignoring your will and dismissing your reign. Forgive us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Who will accuse God's chosen people? God himself declares us not guilty! For through the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, we have the forgiveness of sins. God has made us right with himself. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri 577
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem "You Are My All in All" by Dennis Jernigan
arr. William S. Moon(Collin Whitfield, vocals)

The Word of God

The New Testament Reading Romans 8:26-39 page 210 NT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31-33; 44-46 page 19 NT

The Time with the Children

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

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

*The Hymn Hear the Good News of Salvation 355

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...

...We worship and adore your glorious name, saying together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God...

...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Send your Holy Spirit...

...We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Hold the bread until all have been served. We will eat it together, symbolizing our unity in Christ. Drink the cup when it is served, symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ.)

Prayer

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology

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 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me(verses 1 & 3) 366

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude Toccata on Hymn to Joy arr. Page C. Long
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

Liturgist: Karen Kalina

Greeter: Wally & Anne Schmidt

Ushers: Pam Moran and Wally & Anne Schmidt

Coffee Hour Host:

Serving Communion Today: Pete & Ginny Brucker and Wally & Anne Schmidt

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Best of Luck

Farewell Reception For Collin

We will host a morning reception to bid farewell to Collin Whitfield on Sunday, August 13 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area for food donations. We would like

the following:

- 6 – trays of pastries
- 3 – fruit trays
- 2 gallons of orange juice
- Money donations for mini quiches

There will be a basket available for cards. Contact Genie Herter @989-791-1589 if you have any questions.

July/August Mission

Watch for back-to-school specials! The mission committee will continue to collect school supplies for Brethren and Arthur Eddy Academy elementary school children through **AUGUST 13TH**. 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. Your donations will help the kids have a great start to a great school year!

Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **August 5**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will 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, September 2**.



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 you calendars for the dates. Sign-up

sheets will be in the gathering area soon.



The church office hours for the week of July 31 – August 3 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.

******This Tuesday, August 1, we will need volunteers to help with basic custodial duties as Nancy continues to recover from surgery. We had 3 volunteers last Tuesday and the work needed was completed in about 2 hours. The volunteers from last week are unavailable this week, so if you have the time, we would appreciate the help.******

Music Director Search Committee

The Session has selected the Music Director Search Committee who will work in collaboration with a committee from First Presbyterian Church. The Second Pres Committee is:

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

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