

# Sunday Morning Worship

October 15, 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

*Take Time to Be Holy*

Stebbins/Whitman

The Call to Worship

We have gathered in the house of the Lord. Let us worship God!

**We praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

Only God is deserving of all praise and worship.

**We worship none other, for he is our God and we are his people.**

Let us worship the Lord with gladness and come before him with joyful songs.

**We praise God's holy name.**

\*The Hymn of Praise

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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\*The Call to Confession

When we consider God's holiness, we recognize our own lack of holiness. Our relationship with God is tainted by sin. Knowing that in Christ we can receive the forgiveness of our sin, let us confess our sin before God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, you have warned us that you would not tolerate our placing any god before you, yet at times we subtly do this very thing. We confess that we have worshiped other gods such as money, power, and status. We trust in ourselves and not in you. We allow our schedules to come first and have not taken time to worship you. We confess that our love for you has become diluted. Forgive us, O God. [Silent Confession.] Lord, have mercy on us. Rekindle our love for you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God is merciful and kind. In Christ, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*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 Passing of the Peace

The Special Music

*Amazing Grace/Grace Greater Than Our Sins*

Towner

Folk tune

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

page 100 OT

The Psalm

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

page 666 OT

The Sermon

Rev. Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed(traditional)

hymnal page 14

\*The Hymn

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

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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                    *The Holy City*                    Adams/Mickelson  
 \*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                    *The God of Abraham Praise*                    488

\*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude                    *How Great Thou Art*                    Hine

\* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

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**Liturgist:** Linda Poplewski  
**Greeter:**  
**Ushers:** Wally & Anne Schmidt and Hugh Mattson  
**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Cheryl Kelley  
**Musical Talent:** Judy and Ruth Estell

**\*\*\*Newsletter Calendar Correction\*\*\***

The Calendar in the October Newsletter has the incorrect Sunday  
 Worship time...

**Worship Service is STILL at 9:00 a.m.**

**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.**

# Second Presbyterian Church

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 October 15, 2023



O give thanks to the LORD,  
 for he is good; for his steadfast love  
 endures forever.



Psalm 106:1, NRSV



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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second

**NO 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second TODAY so you can participate in the CROP WALK.**

**Meet us in the library next Sunday @ 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! 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/](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/cloud-of-witnesses/)



### **Fish Fry is THIS Friday, October 20, 2023!**

Please consider distributing the enclosed flyer to a friend or business and sharing our event on Facebook! We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. It really is a fun event! Sign-up

sheets are in the gathering area. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which provides funding for many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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## MISSION NEWS

A non-traditional CROP Walk is **TODAY** after worship on October 15th, 2023. We will have an open-walk from 10:30 AM-Noon (this allows some time for traffic to clear out). Anyone interested can join us in fellowship, walking laps around the church parking lot. We will have a free-will donation with **proceeds going to CROP. Donations could be made online through the CROP page or mark an envelope and drop it in the collection plate.**



Second Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for the community Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.** Candy donations will also be needed.

## 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.**

## Harvest Potluck



Enjoy some wonderful fall fellowship at the Harvest Potluck on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:00pm. The church supplies turkey, rolls, stuffing, potatoes, & gravy and you bring a dish to pass and your table service. Signup sheets will be in the gathering area next week. If you can cook a turkey, please let us know on the signup sheet. Please contact Sonia Hoepfner @ 989-792-1023 or 989-781-0542 if you have any questions.

## White Elephant Sale Update

Thank you, thank you, and thank you to everyone who helped with the White Elephant Sale! This was a "ton" of work, and we could not have done it without you! We made \$3000.00 profit from White Elephant Sale. All funds will be distributed by the Presbyterian Women's Group for missions locally and abroad.



### **Prayer of Illumination**

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear your Word and obey your will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Exodus 32:1-14**

**32** When the people saw that Moses had not come down from the mountain but was staying there a long time, they gathered around Aaron and said to him, “We do not know what has happened to this man Moses, who led us out of Egypt; so make us a god<sup>[a]</sup> to lead us.”

<sup>2</sup> Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold earrings which your wives, your sons, and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off their gold earrings and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> He took the earrings, melted them, poured the gold into a mold, and made a gold bull-calf.

The people said, “Israel, this is our god, who led us out of Egypt!”

<sup>5</sup> Then Aaron built an altar in front of the gold bull-calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to honor the LORD.” <sup>6</sup> Early the next morning they brought some animals to burn as sacrifices and others to eat as fellowship offerings. The people sat down to a feast, which turned into an orgy of drinking and sex.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Hurry and go back down, because your people, whom you led out of Egypt, have sinned and rejected me. <sup>8</sup> They have already left the way that I commanded them to follow; they have made a bull-calf out of melted gold and have worshiped it and offered sacrifices to it. They are saying that this is their god, who led them out of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> I know how stubborn these people are. <sup>10</sup> Now, don't try to stop me. I am angry with them, and I am going to destroy them. Then I will make you and your descendants into a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses pleaded with the LORD his God and said, “LORD, why should you be so angry with your people, whom you rescued from Egypt with great might and power? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians be able to say that you led your people out of Egypt, planning to kill them in the mountains and destroy them completely? Stop being angry; change your mind and do not bring this disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Remember the solemn promise you made to them to give them as many descendants as there are stars in the sky and to give their descendants all that land you promised would be their possession forever.” <sup>14</sup> So the LORD changed his mind and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### **Psalm 106:1-6**

Praise the LORD!

Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good;  
his love is eternal.

<sup>2</sup> Who can tell all the great things he has done?  
Who can praise him enough?

<sup>3</sup> Happy are those who obey his commands,  
who always do what is right.

<sup>4</sup> Remember me, LORD, when you help your people;  
include me when you save them.

<sup>5</sup> Let me see the prosperity of your people  
and share in the happiness of your nation,  
in the glad pride of those who belong to you.

<sup>6</sup> We have sinned as our ancestors did;  
we have been wicked and evil.

### **19-23**

<sup>19</sup> They made a gold bull-calf at Sinai  
and worshiped that idol;

<sup>20</sup> they exchanged the glory of God  
for the image of an animal that eats grass.

<sup>21</sup> They forgot the God who had saved them  
by his mighty acts in Egypt.

<sup>22</sup> What wonderful things he did there!  
What amazing things at the Red Sea!

<sup>23</sup> When God said that he would destroy his people,  
his chosen servant, Moses, stood up against God  
and kept his anger from destroying them.