

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 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

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
Bourgeois, arr. Webber

The Call to Worship

Let us come together united in Christ's love!

For as God loves each one of us, we pass God's love on to others.

Together we seek the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our paths.

May the world witness that in Christ we are united as one.

Let us join our voices together in praise.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*The Hymn of Praise *O Day of Radiant Gladness*, verses 1-3 470

*The Call to Confession

God's word tells us that God is righteous, good, and full of steadfast love. He saves us from our sins and leads us in the right way. With this assurance, let us confess our sin before God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters. You intended for us to be united, yet we have built walls to separate ourselves from others. Too often, we have been critical and hurtful of others when we could have been loving. We have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord. [Silent Confession.] Merciful God, teach us the path that we should follow. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

People of God, in Christ we are forgiven, redeemed, and made to be a community united in faith. All of us, together, have received God's mercy in Christ. **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 Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading Philippians 2:1-13 page 266 NT

The Psalm Psalm 25:1-9 page 608 OT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

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

*The Hymn *I Come with Joy*, verses 1-3 507

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.)

Response of Praise and Prayer *I Come with Joy*, verse 4 507

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Meditation on Terra Beata* Callahan

*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 In Christ There Is No East or West 439

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*
Bradbury, arr. Mason

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Liturgist: Kitty Myers

Greeter:

Ushers: Hugh Matson and Wally & Anne Schmidt

Communion Servers: Pete & Ginny Brucker and Wally & Anne Schmidt

Fellowship Hour Host: Carol Poole & Friends

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Busy Hands and Hearts

October meeting will be **Tomorrow**, October 2 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. We would like to welcome anyone interested in seeing for themselves what we are about. You do not need to knit or sew to come! Please come and share with us your ideas so we can create items to share with others in our community. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran 989-792-7388.



White Elephant Sale

Our annual White Elephant Sale is **Saturday, October 7**. You can bring your treasures October 1-6. **Many hands are needed to make this a success!** Please check out the signup sheets in the gathering area to see where you can help. All proceeds from the sale are used to support various non-profit groups in our area and abroad.



Our Fish Fry is fast approaching on **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. Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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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.** Candy donations will also be needed.

MISSION NEWS

The Mission Committee will be hosting a non-traditional CROP Walk at the church 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 in the church office. This is a great charity and fellowship opportunity, anyone interested may walk as much or as little as they please.** If you are interested in joining us, please meet us in the fellowship area following coffee hour.

2nd @ Second will be resuming in October!

We will be studying *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! 2nd @ Second meets from 10:15-11:15 Sunday mornings after the worship service. The exact start date is uncertain as we wait for the materials to arrive, but please consider joining this time of fellowship and Bible Study. 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/