

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome
Prelude

Call to Worship Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

* Hymn **667 When Morning Gilds the Skies (all verses)**

1 When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession **169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (1,2; 4,5)**

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee.

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon **611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (all verses)**

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

* Passing of the Peace **37** **Let All Things Now Living** **(Vs. 1)**

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination **451** **Open My Eyes, That I May See** **(Vs. 1,2)**

1 Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

First Lesson: Psalm 90 **687** **Our God, Our Help in Ages Past** **(all verses)**

1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home:

2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Second Lesson: Matthew 13:44-45 **450** **Be Thou My Vision** **(all verses)**

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

A Moment with Our Children

Third Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reflections: What Makes the Soul Sing?

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn **268 Crown Him With Many Crowns** **(vs. 1, 4)**

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

* Affirmation of Faith **275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** **(all verses)**

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Offering / Offertory **697 Take My Life** **(verses 1-4)**

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my sliver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn **738 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee** **(all verses)**

1 O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Meg Hatch in honor of all students and teachers, who are beginning a new school year.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Jana Schillinger, Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries
Frank Jones, Director of Music

Jan Thyren, Liturgist
Kay Ten Eyck, Organist

Today is the Parking Lot Picnic!

That's right. I've heard *rumors* of burgers and 'dogs, and other picnic fare. Please come to enjoy the food and the friends. (*Care will be taken regarding food handling.*) Come on down join your church family for a long-overdue reunion!



Jazz Communion
service is
Sunday, September 5

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday as we kick off the fall with our annual Jazz Communion service. This year, the service features the music of John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie. Dizzy was an extraordinary trumpeter, a remarkable composer, and a true innovator in the jazz tradition. We welcome a stellar cast of musicians to lead our praises. Our featured trumpet soloist will be Jeff Stockham from Syracuse. He will be joined by Mike Carbone on saxophone and flute, Tony Marino on bass, and Tyler Dempsey on drums.

Rev. Bill will play piano and preach. It's his first official day back in the pulpit after a summer-long sabbatical. He claims he has spent the summer practicing the piano. (*We will see about that.*)

We will be looking for you as the fall program year begins!

Church Family Announcements

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Have you had your vaccines?** [Make a reservation with our office](#) (570-586-6306) and join us in person at 10:00 a.m.
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Worship is Getting "Closer to Normal"

At the last session meeting, Session revised our "In-Person" Welcome to include all who have been fully vaccinated, **all children who attend school, as well as all children whose parents have been fully vaccinated.**

- Mask-wearing and temperature checks will continue to occur until further notice.
- You may sit wherever you wish.
- You are welcome, and invited, to sing . . . *while wearing your mask.*
- Reservations continue to be requested. However, we do have more flexibility now. If you forget to reserve a spot, you may still attend.

As we are returning to more regular services and attendance at church, please consider honoring loved ones, celebrations and family events with a special floral arrangement to mark the occasion. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Men's Breakfast resumes this week, 8:30 a.m. in room 206 / Session room.

UPDATES on Hickory Street Project and Worship Through Service by the Mission and Justice Committee

Thank you to the many who have already signed up to serve, cook the entrée, or make desserts for our Community Meal at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church yesterday. We are doing it all over again on September 25th during our Worship through Service weekend. Please find below a list of items that will be distributed on that Saturday, in addition to a meal. If you can bring any of these items to church, please place them in the big box in the foyer. You can also support this project financially and we will find someone else to do the shopping. Mark cash or checks to be directed to the "Hickory Street Meals."

SHOPPING LIST

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| ___ 1 box of Cereal | ___ 1 box of Pasta |
| ___ 1 can or plastic jar of Spaghetti Sauce | ___ 1 bag of Candy |
| ___ 1 box of Mac n Cheese | ___ 1-2 cans of Vegetables |
| ___ 1 can of Fruit | ___ 1 can of Tuna |
| ___ 1 4-pack of Jello Pudding cups | ___ 1 box Pop Tarts |
| ___ 1 plastic jar of Peanut Butter | ___ 1 plastic jar/bottle of Jelly |

To volunteer, or for more information, contact Alan Baker at abaker2@verizon.net or speak with Jack and Diane Scheuer, Melba Fialko, and Ginny O'Brien. Sign-up and information sheets are located on the table in the church foyer.

Worship through Service day is approaching.

Several projects have been selected and will be announced in the upcoming Presbyter. In addition to food needed for the Hickory Street Project (see above), personal care items will be collected for donation to Safety Net. Items needed include:

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| diapers (all sizes) | baby powder | baby formula | |
| toothbrushes, toothpaste | bar soap | shampoo, conditioner | |
| men's and women's deodorant | men's and women's disposable razors | | |
| shaving cream | facial tissue | toilet tissue | feminine hygiene products |
| dish soap | liquid laundry detergent | | |



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