

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

World Communion

October 3, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

arr. John Behnke

Call to Worship

from Psalm 133:1, Luke 13:29

How very good and pleasant it is

when people live together in unity!

God's people shall come from east and west, from north and south.

Together they will eat in the kingdom of God.

* Three Songs from the Global Church

388 "Come All You People" (Zimbabwe)

390 "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" (Cameroon)

399 "God Welcomes All" (South Africa)

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to live abundant and generous lives.

Forgive us for the ways we have allowed our souls to be twisted out of shape.

We trust too much in our own abilities, leaving no room for your grace.

We push ahead of our neighbors, pursuing our needs before theirs.

We exclude those you love whom we deem insignificant.

We spend our affluence to separate, rather than build relationships.

We use our power to dominate, rather than to heal and empower.

Have mercy on us.

Set us free from our worst impulses,

that we might find our lives by following you.

We pray in the name of Jesus

who has given his life for us and for all.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 581 "Gloria Patri"

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.

Reception of New Members

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Job 1:1, 2:1-10 (OT, p. 453)

Psalter: Psalm 26 (sung by choir)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Yabban, Yamman”
“Mass for Many Nations”

Rupert Lang

Second Lesson: Mark 10:13-16 (NT, p. 46)

Sermon: “Making Room”

Rev. Carter

Fall Series: How Shall We Reconstitute the Church?

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 504

"We Come as Guests Invited"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Minute for Peace and Global Witness

Offering

Offertory

“Come, Let Us Eat”

arr. Edwin T. Childs

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- Today's communion liturgy comes from the Church of New Zealand
- The spoken responses are identical to those on pages 9-11 in our hymnal.

Lord's Prayer (ecumenical version)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Dedication of the Peace and Global Witness Offering

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 598 "Amen, We Praise Your Name" (South Africa)

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Siyahamba" arr. John Behnke

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given by Don and Betty Keen in honor of Shirley and Jim McLaughlin and in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Barbara Decker
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck

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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.

The sanctuary is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

Confirmation Class begins today. Classes will be held on Sundays, 11:15 a.m., room 206.

Worship is Getting "Closer to Normal"

Our leadership continues to encourage us to wear masks during worship. We welcome to in-person worship 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 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.



The W.A.Y. meets on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. Education and Music for All God's People

The Christian Education committee is excited to offer **in person classes** for the WAY this fall. As we continue to find “normal” and with caution regarding continuing COVID concerns, we will hold a simplified program that begins at 6:15. *We hope to see you there!*

Grace & Faith & Music (4 years old - Grade 5): Join us for a **combined music and CE** class! Children will hear stories from the Bible and learn about God's amazing love for them while also singing classic children's Bible songs. The children typically participate in worship once a month. Children will sing, play instruments, lead worship, and more. *Make a joyful noise to the Lord as you grow in grace and faith!* Meets in Room 108.

We Believe (Grades 6 and up): Our older students are exploring a unit called *Knowing God*. Students will continue to explore faith questions, learning more about God and our own faith. Meets in Room 209.

Adults: Mark's Clueless Disciples: We continue to learn more about the disciples' foibles and follies sequentially through Mark's 16 chapters, hoping to get to know them, ourselves, and Jesus all the better. Meets in Room 206.

Adult Choir - Wednesdays - 7:15-8:15: Our adult choir program has resumed. This fall we will begin by singing easy hymns and work toward more challenging music as the year progresses. Students in 9th Grade to adults are welcome. Don't have much of a music reading ability? Don't worry; our singers support one another in and out of the church.



Bell Choir – Wednesdays - 8:30-9:15, beginning on October 6: The Bell Choir is always looking for new members to ring throughout the year. Students in 9th Grade to adults are welcome to join this ensemble. Some music reading ability is recommended as the bell choir performs some challenging music. The bell choir typically performs once a month in service but rehearses weekly.

We are looking for morning volunteers in the office, to answer phones, welcome visitors, and assist with light office tasks (typing, proofreading, etc.). The hours are from 9 a.m. to noon, and occasionally for a few hours in the afternoon. Volunteers can work weekly, monthly, or on call. Want to get out of the house and do something meaningful? We would love to have you on the team. Free coffee and occasional donuts provided. To sign up, [send an email to Nancy](#), phone us (570-586-6306), or drop by when we are open.

Meetings this week:

Sunday, October 3	World Communion Sunday		
	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15	Confirmation Class	Room 206
Monday, October 4	11 a.m.	Friends of Naomi	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 5	7:30 p.m.	Mission and Justice	Room 206
Wednesday, October 6	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6:15 p.m.	THE WAY	
		Children age 4 to Grade 5	Room 108
		Children grades 6 and up	Room 209
		Adults class	Room 206
Wednesday, October 6	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
	8:30 p.m.	Bell Choir begins	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, October 7	5:30 p.m.	Worship, Music, Arts	Room 206
	7 p.m.	Building & Grounds	Room 209
		Christian Education	Room 210
Sunday, October 10	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation	Room 206

Music for Consolation:

The Lyric Consort and the Presbybop Quintet

Jazz requiem premieres October 17

Our first Arts at First Presbyterian concert features two well-known ensembles. The Presbybop Quintet and the Lyric Consort will premiere “Lux Aeterna” (“Eternal Light”), a new jazz requiem completed by Rev. Bill Carter during his recent sabbatical.

“The pandemic has taken so much from us,” the composer notes, “touching all other losses we have known. Drawing upon texts from scripture and the church’s prayer book, I wanted to create music of comfort and beauty to lift us through this season of our lives.”

The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, October 17**, in the church sanctuary. Dr. Alan Baker will conduct the Lyric Consort in selected pieces, and the Presbybop Quintet joins them for the rest of the program for the requiem and other new compositions.

Offered as a gift to the community, the concert will be presented in person and live-streamed on YouTube (accessed through our website). It promises to be a moving afternoon and a stirring beginning to our new Arts at First Presbyterian season.



Trunk or Treat on Halloween Day

With Halloween on a Sunday, we offer a Trunk or Treat event for the children of our community. It will take place on **Sunday, October 31, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the upper parking lot on School Street. We want to offer a safe event for kids during the ongoing pandemic. Here is how you can help:

- **Spread the word!** We look forward to seeing all kids in their Halloween costumes.
- **Can you donate candy?** Last year, over 300 children showed up on short notice. We want to be ready. It will help if all candy is sorted in individual goodie bags (think "grab and go").
- **Can you help distribute candy? Or serve as a greeter?** If so, please arrive in the upper parking lot by 12:30 p.m. so we can set up together. We encourage you to decorate the back of your car (that's the "trunk" part). By all means, dress up in a costume - it's Halloween!
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A team of our Deacons is heading up the event. If you can help in any way, send an e-mail to Katie Carter at kacarter10@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office (570-586-6306).



We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.**



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