

****BENEDICTION** (*Please remain seated until instructed to leave.*)

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” Vaughn Williams

POSTLUDE “Holy, Holy, Holy” Dykes/Livingston
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PASTORS: Rev. Bob Thomson and Rev. Diana Hartman
GUEST PASTOR: Rev. Ken Walkley
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Becky Tish
ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane
LAY READER: Walt George



Let us
WORSHIP
together

*We are honored
you joined us in worship today.*
It is our pleasure to provide you
a video of the service plus the
worship materials for your use.

The chancel flowers today are given in honor of their grandchildren Iain and Charlotte, and in loving memory of grandson Ronan, by Rev. Roger and Mary Rapp; and in loving memory of Betty J. Groesbeck, by her daughter, Paula Qualls, and family.



WITH ALL THINGS
ARE
Possible
Matthew 19:26

Church Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Bible, our mission is:
~ Glorifying and worshiping God
~ Baptizing and strengthening disciples
~ Loving and serving all people



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First Presbyterian Church



*Vibrant Worship,
Vibrant Discipleship,
Vibrant Service*

September 13, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service Theme: “The Authority of Scripture”
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Green: Symbolizes Growth

PRELUDE “Prayer” Mozart/Blake

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

INTROIT “When Morning Gilds the Sky” Barnby

CALL to WORSHIP *Walt George*

Leader: God calls us to worship.

People: We gather, one body, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: You call us to be fully alive ready to respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

People: We listen, one church, alive to the Word of God.

Leader: We are called to worship by your Word

People: Sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet,

Leader: We watch and wait for the Word of God, always dwelling among us. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who have praised your name in all times and places, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

****HYMN OF PRAISE #460** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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****CALL TO CONFESSION**

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with God and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

****PRAYER of CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (A time for silent personal confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Here are words you may trust, that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "Your sins are forgiven." Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI #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.

LISTENING for the WORD of GOD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (UNISON)

Walt George

Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Chronicles 34:29-33 (pg. 364)

The Word of the Lord

Walt George

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"In This Very Room"

Harris/Hall

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (pg. 967)

TIME for CHILDREN

Rev. Bob Thomson

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

"The Authority of Scripture"

Rev. Bob Thomson

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN OF RESPONSE #327**

"O Word of God Incarnate"

****CONFESSION of FAITH Apostles' Creed — Traditional Version**

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.

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.

RESPONSE

"Amen"

Danish

GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD: Our Gifts and Offerings

Let us remember the words of Micah 6: "What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God." We bring our money, gifts, and whole lives as an offering to our God. We invite you during the offertory to prepare your offering, to donate through our website, or to send it through the mail. You may place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.

****DOXOLOGY #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.

****PRAYER of DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Our Father in heaven, as you multiplied the loaves and fish, take these, our gifts, and maximize their fruitfulness so that others may have their daily bread and your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

****HYMN of SENDING #339**

"Be Thou My Vision"