

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Great Thanksgiving Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts and satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN of SENDING #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Faith of Our Fathers" Hemy/Mansfield

PASTORS: Rev. Bob Thomson and Rev. Diana Hartman

GUEST PASTOR: Roger Rapp

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Becky Tish | ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane

LAY READER: Marilyn Ham

TODAY'S MUSIC:



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 loving memory of Dorothy Tucker by her family; and to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Elizabeth "Betty" Duthie and John Duthie, and her sister, Pamela, by Cheryl Duthie May.



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

Serving Christ Since 1869

First Presbyterian Church



*Vibrant Worship,
Vibrant Discipleship,
Vibrant Service*

September 6, 2020 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service Theme: "Followers of Jesus Christ"

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Green: Symbolizes Growth

PRELUDE "Deep River" American Spiritual

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

CALL to WORSHIP

Marilyn Ham

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

People: Come now, all who thirst, and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things.

People: Come now, all who seek, and be warmed by the fire of love.

Leader: Come now, let us worship Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

Loving God, open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truth you have shown us in Jesus. Help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be. Still our minds as we worship you so that we can understand the things you are saying to us. Through Christ our Lord, you chose to come to the world in humility. You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak. As his disciples we gather to worship and adore you. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE #464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Assured of that freedom let us confess the wrong we have done.

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

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church and to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. (A time for silent personal confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Hear these words of assurance. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Friends believe the good news of the gospel. In his name we are forgiven.

****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)

Marilyn Ham

Lord God, we long to see Jesus. By your Holy Spirit's power, give us eyes to see his glory in your word today. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3 (pg. 603)

The Word of the Lord

Marilyn Ham

Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 1:1-14 (pg. 949)

TIME for CHILDREN

Ashley Braisted

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“Followers of Jesus Christ”

Rev. Bob Thomson

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN OF RESPONSE #442**

“The Church's One Foundation”

****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.

GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD: Our Gifts and Offerings

Jesus said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” In response to the blessings we have received from God let us offer our gifts, tithes and offerings to the work of God. We invite you to make your offering to the church through our church website or through the mail.

****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)**

Good shepherd, you graciously spread a table before us. We offer you these gifts, tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN #513 “Let Us Break Bread Together (vs. 1-2)