

First Presbyterian Church

Vibrant Worship,
Vibrant Discipleship,
Vibrant Service



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September 12, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service Theme: "God's Covenant with Abraham"

Green: Symbolizes Growth



**After the benediction,
we invite you to meet
in the playground for our
groundbreaking ceremony
at 11:15.**

*Our Fall Kickoff will begin at 11:30
in the park just east of the church.*



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

**Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE "Christ, the Cornerstone" Price

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

CALL to WORSHIP *Paul Stenback*

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

Lord, our God, creator, redeemer, and sustainer, we trust your promise to be among us as we gather. We come in the name of Jesus Christ, drawn together by your Holy Spirit, and eager to hear your Word. Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit and prepare us for faithful service. Amen.

**HYMN of PRAISE #485

"To God be the Glory"

**CALL TO CONFESSION

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. With confidence let us approach the throne of grace.

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

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts and have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.
(A time for silent personal confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God through Jesus Christ. 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)

Paul Stenback

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 8:8-12 (pg. 975)

The Word of the Lord

Paul Stenback

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“God of Our Fathers”

Warren

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 17:1-8 (pg. 11)

TIME for CHILDREN

Rev. Bob Thomson

(Children may go to the Chapel for Sunday School)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“God’s Covenant with Abraham”

Rev. Bob Thomson

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN OF RESPONSE #263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

****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

The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us bring before God our gifts, tithes and offerings. You may place your offering in the offering plate as you leave, donate through our website, or send your offering through the mail.

OFFERTORY

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Schutte

****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)**

We bring you these gifts, O God, from what we have first received from you. Use them, we pray, to enable the ministries of this church to flourish as we together serve our neighbors, both near and far away, by showing love and doing mercy. Amen.

****HYMN of SENDING #443**

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

****CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

****POSTLUDE**

“Jubilation”

Denton