

**\*\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**\*\*POSTLUDE** "From All That Dwells Below the Skies" Hattan  
**>>Please remain seated for the Congregational Meeting to elect officers.** Attendees who are not members are invited to stay or you may exit when the usher dismisses your row.

If joining us by zoom— Meeting ID 849 1343 8099

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PASTORS: Rev. Bob Thomson and Rev. Diana Hartman

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted

*First  
Presbyterian  
Church*



*Vibrant Worship,  
Vibrant Discipleship,  
Vibrant Service*

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September 19, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Service Theme: "God Rescues God's People"**

*Green: Symbolizes Growth*

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**\*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.**

PRELUDE "The Lord's My Shepherd" Irvine

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

***GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD***

CALL to WORSHIP

*Wendy Curran*

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;

**People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

**People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Leader: We will worship you our God. Let us pray.

**PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

**Lord and Christ, in this hour of worship lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us upon your holy mountain. Let our worship come from our hearts, that it may be genuine. Let our praises for you leap from our mouths, that we may be alive with faith and joy. Renew us by your Holy Spirit! Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN of PRAISE #464**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Psalmist promises, "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered. I confess my transgressions to the LORD and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayers to you."

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

**O Lord, our God, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have followed the ways of this world. We have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble. We have rejected your word and have followed other paths. Most gracious Lord, filled with mercy and love, incline your ear to our cry. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy and in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray in his name, for he is our Savior and the mediator of your grace. (A time for silent personal confession) Amen.**

**\*\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who loves and accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving. Thanks be to God.

**\*\*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)**

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**Lord God, illumine our minds and hearts so we may hear, understand, and live according to your Word. Empower us by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus, the living Word, in every part of our lives. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Peter 2:4-10 (pg. 984)

The Word of the Lord

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**Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

“Balm and Gilead”

Spiritual

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 19:1-9A (pg. 57)

**TIME for CHILDREN**

Ashley Braisted

*(Children may go to the Chapel for Sunday School)*

**INTERPRETATION of the WORD**

**“God Rescues God’s People”**

*Rev. Bob Thomson*

***RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD***

**\*\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #281** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**\*\*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**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. You may place your offering in the offering plate as you leave, donate through our website, or send your offering through the mail.

**OFFERTORY** “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” Spiritual

**\*\*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)**

**Gracious God, these your gifts belong not to us alone, but to all our sisters and brothers, since they too are created in your image. Let their need become our need; let their hunger become our hunger; and grant to us also a portion of their pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with all the world. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN of SENDING #210**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”