

\*\*HYMN of SENDING #443                      “O Christ the Great Foundation”

\*\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

RESPONSE                      “We Take the Love of God”                      Diemer  
*(Please be seated for the Response.)*

\*\*POSTLUDE                      “Carillon Toccata”                      Wagner

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First  
Presbyterian  
Church

*Vibrant Worship,  
Vibrant Discipleship,  
Vibrant Service*

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September 18, 2022 ~ 10 :00 a.m.

**Worship Service Theme:  
“Fall from Grace”**

*Green: Symbolizes Growth*

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

PRELUDE                      “Children of the Heavenly Father”                      Swedish

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

MINUTE for MISSION                                              Ashley Braisted

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

INTROIT                      “We Come to Worship God Together”                      Diemer

CALL to WORSHIP                                              *Judy Lissman*

Leader:    Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

**People:    Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.**

Leader:    Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

**People:    For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you.**

Leader:    The Lord’s righteousness has been revealed. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

**Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to God’s holy name! I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Amen.**

\*\*HYMN of PRAISE #281                      “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION

John wrote, “I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.



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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)**

**Holy God, we groan at our weaknesses and we ask forgiveness. Your Word is so clear and your grace is so good. But we close our ears to your call and with our pride we foul the gifts you have given us. We know what you require of us; yet, like your servant Paul, what we do is not the good we want to do, and the sin we do not want to do we keep on doing. We mistreat those we love, and we dishonor you, the One who made us. Yet you provide a stream of living mercy; you invite us again and again to live renewed lives. So we turn once again to the cross, to the empty cross to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand and to the gracious gift of your Spirit.**  
(Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

**\*\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” 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)**

*Judy Lissman*

**God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and draws us to Christ to acknowledge him as Lord. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the gospel. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Ephesians 2:4-10 (pg. 950)

*Judy Lissman*

**ANTHEM**

“Where Are You?”

Rose Burrows

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 3:1-8 (pg. 2)

**TIME for CHILDREN**

*(Children may go upstairs for Children’s Church.)*

Ashley Braisted

**INTERPRETATION of the WORD**

“Fall from Grace”

*Rev. Bob Thomson*

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

**\*\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #210**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**\*\*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.**

**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.**

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE** “The Lord Has Heard Our Prayer” Diemer

**GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:**

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Responding to God’s bountiful gifts to us in Christ, we have opportunity to share out of our abundance. You may place your offering in the offering plate as you leave, donate through our website, or send it through the mail.

**OFFERTORY**

“Be Still, My Soul”

Sibelius

**\*\*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)**

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. We present them to you and we offer ourselves to your service. We dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us— Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**