

\*\*HYMN of SENDING #326 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

\*\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*\*POSTLUDE “Fanfare” Lemmens

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First  
Presbyterian  
Church

*Vibrant Worship,  
Vibrant Discipleship,  
Vibrant Service*

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October 9, 2022 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service Theme:

**“Abraham”**

*Green: Symbolizes Growth*

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

PRELUDE “Melodia Serena” Handel

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

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

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary;

**People: Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,

**People: Our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.**

Leader: Drink deeply of the living waters offered in Jesus Christ. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

**God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving.**

**Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces.**

**With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and**

**sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus**

**Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

\*\*HYMN of PRAISE #467

“How Great Thou Art”

\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION

In spite of God’s love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God’s law. Together let us confess our sin.



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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)**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. We turn our back on faith and follow the ways that lead to death. We ignore your Word and trust in our own understanding. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. (Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.**

**\*\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Though your sins are like scarlet, says the Lord, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. 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)**

**Lord, your Word was in the beginning before the world even began, it was with you and it was you. Allow us today to open your Word and know you better. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts open to your Spirit as we seek you. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

John 15:1-11 (pg. 878)

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Genesis 17:1-8 (pg. 11)

**INTERPRETATION of the WORD**

“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.**

**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:**

Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money, so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God. You may place your offering in the offering plate, donate through our website, or send it through the mail.

**OFFERTORY**

**\*\*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)**

**Generous God, source of all goodness and charity, your ear is always open to our needs. When we cry to you, you are faithful and provide for us. With joy we bring our thanksgiving. For all your mercies, we return to you from our abundance. All that we give, we dedicate to your glory. All that we keep, we commit to your care, for we are only stewards of your bounty. Bless what we give and what we keep, for all is your creation. Amen.**