

**HYMN of SENDING #423 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

**CHARGE and BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Cruger

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First
Presbyterian
Church

*Vibrant Worship,
Vibrant Discipleship,
Vibrant Service*

November 20, 2022 ~ 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service Theme:

"Where Are the Distractions?"

Green: Symbolizes Growth

**Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Elvey

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

CALL to WORSHIP

Brian Cole

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)

Loving God, we have gathered to meet you, to seek you, and to worship you. You are the beginning of all things and the life of all things. You knew us before we were born and you know our inmost thoughts. In you we hope and in you we live. You are the source of serenity, giving peace that is beyond understanding. Loving God, we live in you and we worship you. Live in us and empower us to serve you faithfully. Amen.

**HYMN of PRAISE #262 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

**CALL TO CONFESSION

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. The LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who come before God and wait for him!



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)**

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious, we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are unwilling to take the risks and make the sacrifices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior.
(Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Friends, 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)

Brian Cole

We pray, Lord, that you will open the door of our hearts to receive you within our hearts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 63:1-8 (pg. 458)

The Word of the Lord

Brian Cole

Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:12-17 (pg. 919)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“Where Are The Distractions In Our Life?”

Mr. Matt Woodard

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN OF RESPONSE #229 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”**

ANNUAL PLEDGE DEDICATION

****PRAYER of DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Almighty and generous God, through the Lordship of your Son Jesus Christ your church obtains its purpose and finds its meaning.

You have filled our lives with generous blessings and called us to love one another as you have loved us. We pledge our whole lives to you as your disciples. We bring before you today our pledges of financial support for this church’s ministry and building. As we offer our treasures to you, we dedicate them and ourselves to your glory and to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

****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: The Psalmist writes, “What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God’s people.”

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****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)**

Lord, you give us everything that is good— our homes, our food, our families, and even our lives. All that we own and all that we are belong to you. We thank you by sharing our time, talents, and our treasures. Use these gifts to show your love to people throughout our world in Jesus’ name. Amen.