

Welcome to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMMUNION SUNDAY

August 7, 2022—10:45 a.m.

*Bold-faced type are words the congregation speaks together.
The * invites you to stand in body or spirit.*

Prelude *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba* from ‘*Solomon*’ G. F. Handel

Welcome This is the day the Lord has made.
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 50)
The heavens declare the righteousness of God.
The earth declares God’s beauty.
From sunrise to sunset, God’s word shines forth in glory.
Let us worship the Lord our God with thanks and praise.

*Hymn 404 *What Is This Place* KOMT NU MET ZANG

Prayer of Confession (*spoken together and silent*)
Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need. Yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others.
We are good at lip service to faithful living and struggle to put those values into demonstrable practice in our daily lives. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses. O Lord, have mercy on us...*[Silent prayer, followed by:]* **Forgive us, O God, and move us to trust, that we may boldly live your grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

Assurance of God’s Grace / Passing the Peace

Special Music *Dance of the Blessed Spirits* Christoph Glück
 from ‘*Orfeo ed Euridice*’
 Jennifer Rhees, flute

Prayer for Illumination
Holy God, by your Spirit enlighten us; illumine us; inspire us; not for our sakes, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom we live. Amen.

Listen to the Word:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Reflection on the Word and Life:

“My Precious”

*Hymn 684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

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*Affirmation of Faith (adapted from The Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offertory

Adagio from ‘Occasional Oratorio’

G. F. Handel

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***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer and Lord's Prayer (traditional)

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.

Words of Institution / Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response**

We Are One in the Spirit

BY OUR LOVE

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Postlude

Praeludium and Fugue in C Major

Georg Böhm

Leading Worship

Revs. JoAnn Thiry and Andrew Kukla
Ryan Dye, Minister of Music
Bradley Marshall, liturgist

Today's Chancel flowers are given by the Deacons to the Glory of God.

Upcoming Events at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 21, at 10 a.m.— *FPC Summer Choir*. If you enjoy singing and would like a “low-commitment” choral experience, you are invited to join other choristers on the Chancel at 10 a.m. as we learn a simple anthem prior to the Sunday service. Please call or text Ryan Dye at 208-830-7007 with any questions.

