

Welcome to FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMMUNION SUNDAY

September 4, 2022—10:45 a.m.

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

Prelude

Arietta

Thomas Kerr

Welcome

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

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 1)

Happy are those who delight in the Word of God.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

They yield fruit and prosper in due season.

Let us plant ourselves in God's way; let us delight in the Lord.

***Hymn 396**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

Prayer of Confession (*spoken together and silent*)

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. 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

Prayer for Illumination

God of wisdom, by your Spirit speak this day a word of life, and plant in us the power of your righteous love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Listen to the Word:

Luke 14:25-28

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²²One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. ²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. ²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Reflection on the Word and Life:

“Ready or Not...”

*Hymn 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

***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

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

J. S. Bach

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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 733**

We All Are One in Mission

WALDVÖGELEIN

***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

Allegro from Symphony No. 2

Louis Vierne

Leading Worship

Revs. JoAnn Thiry and Andrew Kukla
Mark Biales, Guest Organist
John Goodell, liturgist

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

Upcoming Events at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 11 is *Kick-Off Sunday*— A time to learn where you want to get engaged for the coming year. Following this Sunday we resume youth group, Bible study, choir and all the things! Also enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs on the front lawn (and throughout the building).