

GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:

Give to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. We will sacrifice a thank offering to God and call on the name of the Lord. Let each of us use the gifts we have received, faithfully sharing God’s grace in many forms. *You May Text Your Donation To: 844-913-2327.*

OFFERTORY “Perfect Love” Barnby

**\*\*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)**

**Almighty God, you have given us everything. When we turned away from you, you lifted us up and freed us through the gift of your Son. For your abundant grace we give you thanks. Gratefully we offer these gifts that you first gave us. We give thanks to you, Lord, for you are good. Use our time, our talents, and our tithes for your glory. May it bless others with hope, peace, and joy. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN of SENDING #145** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

**\*\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE “Go With Us Lord” Tallis Canon tune

POSTLUDE “The Church’s One Foundation” Wesley

PASTOR: Rev. Bob Thomson

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Wendy Dryden ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted  
Chancel Choir

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bell Quartet: Wendy Dryden, Tami Mason,  
Joan Swim, and Becky Tish / Children’s Chimes: Lewis and Elie  
Campbell, Rosely and Rhett Pettengill, and Brant Braisted.



**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



*Serving Christ Since 1869*



**First  
Presbyterian  
Church**

*Vibrant Worship,  
Vibrant Discipleship,  
Vibrant Service*

April 28, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service Theme:

**“Narrow Door”**

*White: Symbolizes the  
Purity of Christ*

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

PRELUDE “Just As I Am” Bradbury

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE for MISSION *Youth*

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

INTROIT “This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made” Crüger

CALL TO WORSHIP *Ziva Shank*

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**People: All nations shall bow down before you, O God, and shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you alone are God.

**People: For you are great and do wondrous things,**

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth. 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 #215** “Come, Sing with Joy to God”  
*(Sing to Tune #430)*

**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

God's promise through the prophet Isaiah, "Come now, let us settle the matter, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." With this assurance let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**\*\*PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Gracious God, we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.** (Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

**\*\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

**PASSING of the PEACE**

"The Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

**\*\*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)**

*Cadie Cooper*

**Our Lord and our God, as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 585)

The Word of the Lord

*Cadie Cooper*

**Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

"Open Hearts, Open Doors"

Schram

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Luke 13:22-30 (pg. 848)

Children's Chimes

"This Is the Day"

Garrett

TIME for CHILDREN

*Ashley Braisted*

*(Children may go upstairs for Sunday School.)*

**RECEPTION of CONFIRMANDS as NEW MEMBERS**

**\*\*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. Amen.**

**WELCOME**

**We, the members of First Presbyterian Church, welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We promise to encourage and nurture you in your faith in Jesus Christ, in word and deed, and with love and prayer. May the Peace of Christ be with you.**

**INTERPRETATION of the WORD**

"Narrow Door"

*Rev. Bob Thomson*

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

**\*\*HYMN of RESPONSE #359**

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

**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.**

**RESPONSE**

"Amen"

Dresden/Naumann