

****CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

****RESPONSE** "Grace of Our Lord be with You All" Diemer

POSTLUDE "Menuet Gothique" Boellmann

**>>>Please remain seated for the
Congregational meeting to elect officers.<<<**

Please see the announcements for a list of the officer's names.

Attendees who are not members are invited to stay or you may exit when the usher dismisses your row.

Here's the information if you are joining us via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 856 1740 9927

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PASTOR: Rev. Bob Thomson

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Wendy Dryden **ORGANIST:** Eleanor Lane

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bell Choir



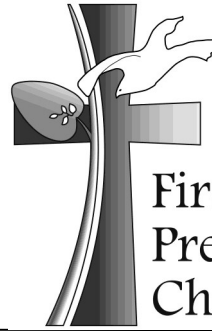
Church Mission Statement

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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**First
Presbyterian
Church**

*Vibrant Worship,
Vibrant Discipleship,
Vibrant Service*

September 17, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service Theme:

"Alive through Christ"

Green: Symbolizes Growth

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

PRELUDE "Idyll" MacDowell"

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

INTROIT "We Come to Worship God" Diemer

CALL to WORSHIP *Bill Westerfield*

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

People: With my mouth, I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Leader: You made a covenant with us and established your kingdom for all generations. Let us pray...

PRAYER of PRAISE (Unison)

Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humanity, but in faith we see Jesus. We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and gives us courage to follow him. We join with all creation and sing your praise. Amen.

****HYMN of PRAISE #281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

The prophet Isaiah gave this promise from God, "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.

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

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. (Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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)

Bill Westerfield

Lord God, thank you for giving us your word in Scripture. Send your Spirit to help us understand your Word, to grow in faith and learn to love you more, in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 40:1-10 (pg. 446)

The Word of the Lord

Bill Westerfield

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“We Are Saved by Grace”

Martin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 949)

TIME for CHILDREN

Rev. Bob Thomson

(Children may go upstairs for Children’s Sunday School.)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“Alive through Christ”

Rev. Bob Thomson

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN of RESPONSE #210**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

****CONFESSION of FAITH - Apostles’ Creed - Trad.**

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.

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”

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GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:

Jesus said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” In response to the blessings we have received from God, let us offer our gifts, tithes, and offerings to the work of God. *Text Your Donation To: 844-913-2327.*

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Wagner

****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)**

O Lord our God, we bless you for the gift of life, for your protection round about us, for your guiding hand upon us, and for the tokens of your love within us. We dedicate these offerings to you, O heavenly God. Give us wisdom to use all that we have for your glory. May we render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

****HYMN of SENDING #443**

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”