

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

11:00 am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Tell Me the Old, Old Story" Dr. Renee Huff
(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jeff Binder

INTROIT "God is So Good" Dr. Renee Huff

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 118 selected verses Cindy Cooke

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*OPENING HYMN #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Cindy Cooke

O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Grant us your grace. Embolden us as your people to stand where you stand.

- Silent Confession -

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & PEACE

Ephesians 2:8-9

Cindy Cooke

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's

people! We have been saved. We have been redeemed. We have been forgiven.

Alleluia!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

***THE GLORIA #582** "Glory to God" *Dr. Renee Huff*

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 16:13-20** *Rev. Jeff Binder*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "You Say" (Written by: Bebo Norman, Jason Ingram, Michael Donehey, Paul Mabury, and Lauren Daigle © 2018 Centricity Music)

SERMON "Who do you say that I am?" *Rev. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #310** "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **from A Brief Statement of Faith**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal P. 35*

CALL TO OFFERING *Rev. Jeff Binder*

OFFERTORY "Love Me" (Written by David and Jennifer Heller © 2010 Stone Table Records)
Guest Soloist: Iona Kantzer

***DOXOLOGY #606** *Old Hundredth*

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #81** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

***BLESSING & SENDING Romans 12 selected verses**

Rev. Jeff Binder

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

May we love one another with mutual affection, outdoing one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Let us rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints, extend hospitality to strangers.

May we live peaceably with all.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE #677** “The Day Thou Gavest” “

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 First Presbyterian will have our church picnic on Sunday, September 10 at 5pm poolside at Hugh Sproul’s home, located at 951 E. Beverley St. The church will provide fried chicken, lemonade, plates, cups, and napkins. Members are asked to bring sides and desserts.

In case of rain, we will have our picnic in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Jeff will provide a brief message and blessing. Please RSVP to Heidi at 540-886-0704 or stauntonfirst@gmail.com if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, September 4 for Labor Day. We hope everyone has a great holiday!

HEIDI WILL BE ON VACATION Thursday, August 31-Monday, September 11, returning Tuesday, September 12. Fay Knicley will kindly be filling in during this time.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Jim Cooke; Sidney Supple; Susie Lendermon; Brad Furr; Otto & Sherry Pebworth; Charlie Obaugh; Rebecca Corbett; Natalie Dodge; family of John Goodman; Charlotte Kuykendall; Celia Goble; Judie Croft; Shelley & Emily Craft & Malcolm Buran; Sherry von Oeyen; Alan Obaugh; Brian Kopia; family of Roz Holt; the people of Lahaina

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Elders

Class of 2023

Amanda Avery, Worship
Ron Lowman, Jr., Property

Class of 2024

Sam Clem, Administration/Discipleship
Mary Meade, Worship
Barbara Richardson, Congregational Life

Class of 2025

Stephany Morgan, Missions & Outreach
Bret Ritchie, Administration
Hugh Sproul, Administration
Paige Kullman, Clerk

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Rev. Jeff Binder, Interim Pastor
Dr. Renee Huff, Minister of Music
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