

**13th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 2024  
11:00am  
A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**PRELUDE** “Domine Deus” from Gloria *Molly, Roger, & Zach*  
*Vivaldi*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

**INTROIT #22** “God of the Sparrow”

**WORDS OF PRAISE** Psalm 111 selected verses *Lucinda Cooke*  
Praise the LORD!

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honor and majesty is God’s work; God’s righteousness endures forever.**

The LORD has gained renown by wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

**Holy and awesome is God’s name.**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**God’s praise endures forever.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #15** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Merciful God, you love us despite our brokenness, seeking repentance and reconciliation each day. Yet in our waywardness, we continue to aspire to be like gods, constructing towers of ego, fear, and pride.**

**Give us grace to turn to you once again, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

The good news: God knows our hearts, despite how often we mess up in our daily lives. And God forgives us, and makes us whole, time and time again. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we are loved eternally!

**Alleluia!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #451** "Open My Eyes" *vss. 1 & 3*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 11:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** "Quia respexit" from Magnificat *Molly, Roger, & Zach*  
*J.S. Bach*

**SERMON** "Babel" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #450** "Be Thou My Vision"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In the midst of hunger and war

**We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.**

In the midst of oppression and tyranny

**We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.**

In the midst of doubt and despair

**We celebrate the promise of faith and hope.**

In the midst of sin and decay

**We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.**

In the midst of death on every side

**We celebrate the promise of the living Christ.**

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

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Öffne Dich"  
*J.S. Bach* *Molly, Zach*

\*DOXOLOGY #606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

\*CLOSING HYMN #80 "Ye Shall Go Out With Joy"

\*BLESSING & SENDING 2 Corinthians 4:6

It is God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!"

**It is the same God who made light shine in our hearts to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ.**

Go from this place, shining in the light of Christ for the world to see!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

"Serenade"

*Roger, Zach*

*Planel*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE WELCOME STAUNTON MUSIC FESTIVAL!** We are fortunate to have The Staunton Music Festival with us during worship today. Musicians performing include: Zachary Wadsworth, piano; Molly Quinn, soprano; and Roger Roe, oboe. Please give them a warm welcome! SMF will also perform August 19-24 from 12:00-1:00pm in our sanctuary. All concerts are free and open to the public. We hope you can join us!

**PW EVENING CIRCLE WILL MEET** Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00pm in the library. Please respond to Alice Herbst if you can make it. The PW Board will meet at 5:15pm in the library.

**HOME GOODS COMMUNITY PANTRY – DONATIONS NEEDED** Our Home Goods Community Pantry will be open on Wednesday, August 21. Financial and product donations are always welcomed.

If you wish to donate items, there is a donation basket outside of the sanctuary for your convenience. Thank you!

### *Prayer List*

Please send out prayers for: Family of Brad Furr; Julie Furr; Danny Anson; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Judy Lendermon & Charles

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

*Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

**Elders**

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Sam Clem, Discipleship, Congregational Life  
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The primary mission of First Presbyterian Church is to foster a dedicated and loving commitment to Jesus Christ on the part of all our members.

From this commitment, we work toward the following goals:

1. Increase our dedication and support to both the community and world missions as we engage the entire congregation in spreading the Gospel.
2. Develop our building assets as a resource for community ministries.
3. Continue and improve our strong educational and music programs.
4. Nurture our members in times of need and joy.