

14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024
11:00am
A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Love Lifted Me"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #596 "You Are Holy"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 145:1-6 *Sharon Wilson*

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.
They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

*OPENING HYMN #41 "Oh Worship the King"

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, creator of the universe, of all that is seen and unseen; today we give thanks and praise for all that you have been, all that you are, all that you will be. Even in times of doubts and questions, you are with us, and we are thankful. Help us to center our restless minds and bodies on you at this time. May we feel the breath of your Spirit upon our hearts this morning. May we experience the living Christ in the words we proclaim and hear, the music we sing, the hands we touch. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry,
"Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
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" *vs. 1*

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-9

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #836** "Abide with Me"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Confession of Belhar (1986)*

The unity of the Church must become visible so that the people around us can see how separation and hatred are overcome in Christ. We believe that genuine faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership in this Christian church. We praise God that race, class, gender, or culture does not determine who belongs to this Church. We believe that God has entrusted to the Church the message of reconciliation; and that the Church is called to proclaim and embody this reconciliation, to be peacemakers, and to believe and to witness that God conquers all powers of sin and death, of hate, bitterness and enmity, through his life-giving Word and Spirit.

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Because He Lives"

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

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*CLOSING HYMN #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*BLESSING & SENDING

Go out into the world in peace.

May we have courage in Christ Jesus.

Hold on to what is good.

May we return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering.

May we honor all people as children of God.

Love and serve the Lord.

May we go from this place rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE AN ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING today, Sunday, August 25, immediately after worship in the library.

HEIDI WILL BE ON VACATION Friday, August 30-Monday, September 9, returning Tuesday, September 10.

BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00AM! Please join us for Bible Study every Tuesday at 10:00am in the library. Discussions are lively and refreshments are provided. All are welcome. Please join us!

Prayer List

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

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

Class of 2024

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

Class of 2025

Stephany Morgan, Administration, Missions & Outreach
Bret Ritchie, Administration
Hugh Sproul, Property

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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.