

Service for the Worship of God

10:00 a.m.

September 24, 2017

Prelude

***Visitors, welcome!** We are so glad that you are here. Your presence blesses our worship, and we hope that you experience God's love this morning.*

We are an open and affirming congregation who seeks to be as welcoming as our savior Jesus Christ.

***We worship** in a traditional Presbyterian style (with a few tweaks from time to time). Join in as you feel comfortable and called. You can find the music in the purple hymnals, and we generally stand for singing and remain seated for everything else (with a few exceptions here and there). You can follow what the regulars do, or just do what feels right for you in the moment. It's all good!*

*If you have **younger children** with you, they are free to come forward for our "time with young disciples" or just remain with you if they are more comfortable with that. After that, children (through 6th grade) are invited to children's church upstairs.*

*It is our sincere desire that you feel **welcomed, comfortable, and invited into a rich experience God's presence.** Please join us for fellowship time after the service in our fellowship Hall (turn left just before the main doors). If not, have a blessed week. **We hope you'll visit us again.***

Welcome & Highlights of the Church Alive

Gathering Around the Word

*Leader reads the plain text - **Congregation reads the bold text***

Centering Silence

Introit #614

“Great Are You, Lord”

Opening Prayer

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

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

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Worship in Song #10

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

Prayer of Confession

In Jesus Christ, O Lord, you have given us the invitation and the opportunity to commune with you.

We confess that in our fear, and in our perceived self-interest, we choose too often to go our own way.

In his teaching, Jesus encourages us to love you with our whole hearts, our whole minds, and with all our strength.

But there are too many parts of our lives that we hold back. We want ultimate control. We are afraid to trust.

In his ministry, Jesus shows us that love is the way, building relationships is the way, making peace and ensuring justice for all are the ways of wholeness and life.

But we choose ways of fear, isolation, and privilege, believing these will keep us safe.

Time for Silent Personal Confession & Reflection

Forgive us, we pray.

In your grace, may we live the prayer you taught us to pray: seeking your Will, trusting you for our daily bread, living lives of forgiveness, standing up to evil, and giving you the glory. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, we can trust in the promise of Scripture: "If we confess our sins, the one who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Friends, believe and live the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Response to Pardon** "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me"

Capo 3: (G) B \flat (D) (G) (D) F B \flat F (G) B \flat (D) (Em) (D) F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Proclaiming the Word

Reading from Scripture

Ephesians 1:8-19

Silent Reflection

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

Jack Reid

Time with Young Disciples

Message

Pastor Paul

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Responding To The Word

***Worship in Song #307** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

Affirmation of Faith

What is meant by the closing doxology, "For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever"?

We give God thanks and praise for the kingdom more powerful than all enemies, for the power perfected in the weakness of love, and for the glory that includes our well-being and that of the whole creation, both now and to all eternity.

What is meant by the word "Amen"?

"Amen" means "so be it" or "let it be so." It expresses our complete confidence in the triune God, the God of the covenant with Israel as fulfilled through our Lord Jesus Christ, who makes no promise that will not be kept, and whose mercy endures forever.

Worship with Our Giving

Receiving our Tithes and Offering & Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

I We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor; in grate - ful de -
vo - tion our trib - ute we bring. We lay it be - fore you; we
kneel and a - dore you; we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

We lift up our specific prayers to God. There will be opportunity for you to briefly name your specific prayer out loud for a person or circumstance. Please be sensitive to the privacy of others.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Sending Out Into The World

***Worship in Song #611** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Charge and Benediction

***Choral Response #558** *"Amen"*

Next Week: World Communion Sunday and hearing about El Salvador from Dave and Geri Eekhoff.

A new Adult Ed Class Begins October 1st at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Richard Friedericks, will lead us through a discussion based on the video, "Portrait of a Radical: The Jesus Movement." We'll explore the dynamic, passionate message of Jesus with three provocative theologians—Richard Rohr, Huston Smith, and Allen Dwight Callahan. Join us for good fellowship and engaging conversation.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

If you would like to support those affected by the recent disasters, you can make your check to First Presbyterian Church and note "PDA" in the memo line. You can also donate directly to: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected with a credit card by visiting: pda.pcusa.org or by phone at 800-872-3283.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Heins

Greeter: Mac McMullen

Accompanist: Elisabeth Heiner

Ushers: Le Hornbeck, Ken & Kris Davenny

Prayer Leader: Steve Shively

Liturgist: Jeff Boyles

Prayers For Healing and Comfort

Simon Henery ♥ Linnea Winters ♥ Abby Schreiber ♥ Elizabeth Clark

Amanda Rowe ♥ Shelby Coyne ♥ Sheri Scott ♥ Garth Coe

Amber Travis ♥ Laurie Medicott ♥ Lorraine Trautman

Marv McKean ♥ Laura Poulter ♥ Barbara Vale ♥ Janet May

Ian Carr ♥ Cheri ♥ Bert ♥ Mel Pickrell ♥ Chris Little

Adam Beaty ♥ Raleigh Eggers and Family ♥ Dean Rigsby

Johanna Goering ♥ Angie Miller ♥ Bill Rich ♥ Susan McClain

Lee Pate ♥ Bruce Travis ♥ Houlton Madinger ♥ Meg Deardorff

Colleen Burgett ♥ Pavel Cely ♥ Mary Valeria ♥ Joanna Sather

Janet Stevenson ♥ Charles & Barbara Zehe ♥ Paul Anderson

Joan Allison ♥ baby George Mandros ♥ Lucy Mandros

Toni Boutilier ♥ Ken Long ♥ Carolyn Lowrie ♥ Relva Clow

Mahlon Gane ♥ Dan O'Neal Sr. ♥ Roger Harding ♥ Nancy Markley

Our mission co-workers in Colombia, Zambia, Tajikistan and Pastor Alberto in Santa Elena

Ministry of the *Presbyterian Counseling Center* and all who seek healing here.

No Taize Worship This Thursday

Please watch for updates about this service.

Evening Circle Meets on Tuesday, October 3rd

We are looking forward to seeing you all for fun, fellowship, and Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on Tuesday evening, October 3rd. We will continue with our PW/Horizons " Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews " 2017–2018 Bible study. Mary Brunner will lead the second lesson as you will all read through " Lesson Two: In Community with the Living God". Please contact Stephanie Boyles, 344-4287 if you have any questions.

TravelFest Thailand On October 8th

Kailee Kunz and Leianna Kunz will share their Phapang, Thailand summer experiences with you. Please join us on Sunday, October 8th at 11:30 am.

Church Share List

So many of you have generously offered your time, talents, and goods for our Share List...thank you! Some things that have been offered are exercise classes, math tutoring, a Pak n Play (perfect for visiting grandchildren!), rides to and from church, and help with Facebook. The list is extensive, and it's for all of you! It will be posted in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday. Please let Elisabeth Heiner know if you have something you would like to add or if you see something on the list that you want or need, and she will put you in contact with the appropriate person. elisabethkheiner@gmail.com, (925) 785-0355.

Queer Survival Quest

Mandala Center for Change presents an interactive theatre event designed to foster community dialogue on how to better support the LGBTQ community. Let's work to find solutions for the challenges our sisters and brothers are facing. Performances will be held this Monday (9/25) and Tuesday (9/26) at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Worden USO building. www.mandalaforchange.com (360) 344-3435.