



## First Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day  
June 11, 2023  
11:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Whether you are visiting just for today or seeking a church home, we are glad you are here!  
We invite all worshipers to record your presence with us by signing the blue folders found in the pews.*

Gathering in Prayer

PRELUDE "The Play of the Godhead" William Rowan

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF THE MORNING

**Almighty God, you alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections. Give us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise, that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may be surely fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Gathering Around the Word

CHORAL INTROIT "To God Be the Glory" FJ Stone & W H Doane

+CALL TO WORSHIP

**We say we come to worship to be with God, but the beautiful truth is: God is already with us. God is always with us. So in this time together, let us lift our voices in praise of this loving, ever-present God!**

+PRAYER OF ADORATION

+HYMN OF ADORATION "Morning Has Broken" #469

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love. Amen.**

*(A moment of silent prayer for personal confessions.)*

+KYRIE ELEISON    ***Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, hear and believe the good news: Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life to all who sin and suffer.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

+GLORIA PATRI    ***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.***

## Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

"We Are an Offering"

Dwight Lilies

THE PSALM

Psalm 50:7-15

Leader: Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; For I am God, your God.

**People: I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.**

Leader: I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, nor he-goats out of your pens;

**People: for all the bests of the forest are mine, the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

Leader: I know every bird in the sky, and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

**People: If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

Leader: Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

**All: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High. Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."**

THE OLD TESTAMENT  
: Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God**

THE EPISTLE  
Romans 4:13-25  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God**

MEDITATION "Seek Ye First" Karen Lafferty

THE GOSPEL  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Follow Me" Rev. Clint Schofield

## Responding to the Word

+HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #343

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**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 OF GOD 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Incline thine ear to us,  
And grant us thy peace. Amen.***

# Bearing and Following the Word into the World

+HYMN "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" #399

## +COMMISSIONING

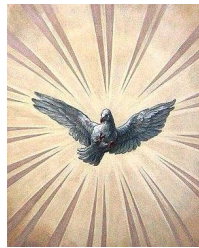
Leader: Happy are the people whom God has chosen.  
We are inheritors of God's grace and mercy.  
**People: God's counsel is available to us every day.  
By faith we receive God's gracious promises.**  
Leader: God sends us to places unknown and full of risk.  
The Spirit provides the resources we need.  
**People: We live by hope, even when the way is unclear.  
We seek to be faithful to God's intention for us.**  
Leader: Jesus says to us, "Follow me," and we respond.  
Christ answers our needs with a healing touch.  
**All: We are inheritors of God's grace.  
Rejoice with us in the blessings God provides.**

## BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Jesus Calls Us" insert

POSTLUDE "For the Fruit of All Creation" Welsh melody

*+Please stand, if you are able*



*Grant, O Lord,  
that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts,  
and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*