



Samuel anoints David, wall painting from the Dura-Europos Synagogue, Syria. 3rd Century

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, June 13, 2021
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God we worship is the giver of life:
**the One who makes the dry tree green
and grows a forest from the smallest seed.**

The God we worship is the giver of life:
**the One who forms us, names us, loves us,
and teaches us to share our lives with the world.**

*OPENING PRAYER

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.
May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for our summer wisdom book series. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Isa. 43:2

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our actions are not consistent with the truth of your gospel,
forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us and free us.

When our lives do not proclaim the power of your love,
compel us, Lord. Free us and forgive us.

When our minds are full of self-condemnation, with no room for your grace,
revive us Lord. Forgive us and compel us.

For our lives are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ,
and through Christ's love alone we are reconciled to you.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the Good News of the Gospel, and it is for you and for all. Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not: You are accepted, you are welcomed. You are washed clean, you are raised up. You are forgiven, you are set free. In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever. In the waters of baptism we are set free to let go what is old and broken, to live a new life in the resurrection, and to follow together a joyful way, after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior. **Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 69)

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“God’s Surprising Choices”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967 (Inclusive Language Version)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Suzanne Guyer

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Early American Folk Hymn, Adapt. Marcia Pruner



*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You feed us with your body and satisfy our deepest hunger. We thank you for these gifts. Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 817

We Walk By Faith

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Assisting: *Jeff Moles*

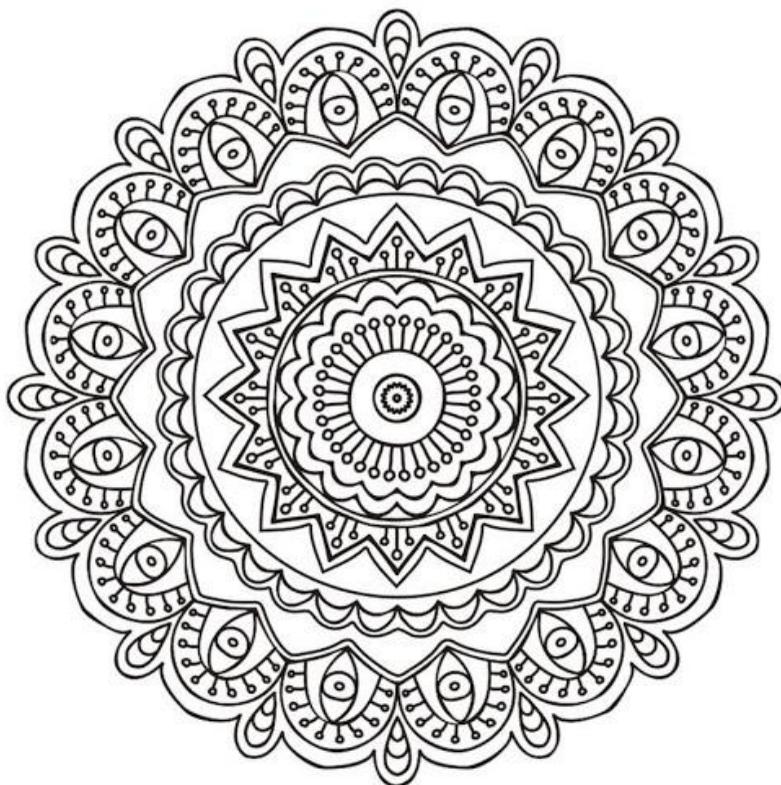
Communion Servers: *Cindy Little & Creda Heffelfinger*

The Life of the Church

Nursery Care has resumed. Kate Bowley provides care for children, infants through age 3, from 9:30-11:30am. Children and infants are welcome in worship, but this is a great option for our youngest members.

Our Summer Wisdom Book series for kids age 4 through 5th grade continues today during worship. Children will depart the sanctuary following the time with young disciples and will return for communion.

Our email newsletter, PresbyNotes, provides full information about the programs of our church directly to your email inbox every Thursday. Visit our website fpcobky.com and click “Email Signup” to subscribe.





First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive
community of faith called to proclaim
the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,
and to join God in the building of a
just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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