



Ace Hotel, Los Angeles

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 15, 2021  
10:30 A.M.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*  
Men's Chorus

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you are the God of our salvation.

We have no hope without you:

**Hear us when we call to you.**

O Lord, you are the compassionate God  
who cared for our ancestors and our parents:

**Come now to us to save us, we pray.**

O Lord, you are the everlasting God  
whom we honor and revere:

**We come this day to worship you, O God,  
because we trust in your merciful grace.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN MEDLEY

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

BLESSING FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Henry Baker

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

*Will Thompson, Hymn 418*

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. "Come home. You, who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home."

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

These are the words of Jesus. They are strong and true, so believe them: “I have come that you may have life in all its fullness.” “Go in peace; your sins are forgiven: Come, each one, and follow me.” Now, God, help us to live as a forgiven people – visibly different, gloriously free, for Jesus’ sake. **Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

\*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

*As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way,  
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.  
Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.*

*Oh, brothers...  
Oh, children...  
Oh, sinners...*

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:10-4:11      The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 3:16-17      The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Are You Saved?”  
Part 3 of the “You Asked For It!” Sermon Series

Rev. Matt Curry

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from A Declaration of Faith*

**Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and**

country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death, the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Wednesday Night Faith Formation

Jeff Moles

## THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

\*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:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

#### 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

**We give thanks to you, O God, for you have fed us like a shepherd and gathered us to your breast. Now lead us forth to do your will, feed your sheep, and show your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE SENDING

\*HYMN

*I'll Fly Away*

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.*

*Chorus:*

***I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away;  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.***

*When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;  
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

### LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Diane Bowers*

Communion Servers: *Tom Furlong & Marilyn Van Winkle*

Liturgical resources used: reworship



## The Life of the Church

**Join us for lunch!** We will have a fried chicken lunch following worship today. Weather permitting, we will eat outside. Volunteers will be needed to help clean up.

**“You Asked For It!”** Pastor Matt’s August sermon series is focusing on questions submitted by the congregation. Here is the remaining schedule:

**Today:** *“What does it mean to be ‘saved?’”*

**Aug. 22:** *“Why do we give any credence to the Old Testament?”*

**Aug. 29:** *“How can we love the unlovable and forgive the unforgiveable?”*

**Multicultural Festival Set Up** is Friday evening at 5:00pm. Come and help if you can!

**Faith and Film Night** will be held Friday, August 27 at 7:00pm. We will be watching the 1998 movie *The Truman Show*. Pastor Matt will lead a brief discussion afterward based on three questions: (1) Where did you see God in this movie? (2) Where did you see evil? (3) Where did you find grace?





THE 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
**OWENSBORO**  
**MULTICULTURAL**  
**FESTIVAL**

This Saturday, August 21  
10:00am-4:00pm  
First Presbyterian Church

This year's festival will feature:

- Over 45 exhibit booths highlighting world cultures and community organizations
- Food vendors representing a variety of cuisines
- All-day live entertainment from a wide range of performers including feature acts Flaminco Louisville, na Skylark Celtic Trio, and Beyond Blu Blues Band.

Follow [@OwensboroMulticulturalFestival](#) on Facebook for a full entertainment schedule and the latest updates.

**Free COVID-19 Vaccines will be available at the festival!**

Those who are vaccinated at the festival will receive a free festival t-shirt and \$15 food voucher.

The Pfizer vaccine (2 dose series) will be available for those age 12+

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine (1 dose) will be available for those 18+

No appointment needed. Bring your insurance card if you have one.



# Wednesday Night Faith Formation

Every Wednesday night this Fall, beginning September 8

Here's what to expect:

## 5:00 P.M. Dinner

Food will be provided by a different group in the congregation each week. We will serve until 5:45, so arrive when you can! There will be a suggested donation of \$5 per person or maximum \$20 per family.

## 5:30 P.M. Worship

We will do some informal worship around the dinner table to get us focused on the theme for the night.

## 5:45 P.M. Classes for All Ages

**ADULTS:** Pastor Matt will lead a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark

**YOUTH** will be studying what it means to follow Jesus

**KIDS:** Elementary-age children will be divided into younger and older groups for class. Children's choir, led by Kerry and Nadia, will happen during this time as well!

**NURSERY** will be available for our youngest ones

## 6:45 P.M. Choir Rehearsal



EVERYONE

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who calls on the

NAME OF THE LORD

SHALL BE SAVED



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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