



*Psalm 23* by John August Swanson

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, July 18, 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.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are to worship the Lord.

**Let us bring our songs, our prayers, and our worries.**

For the Lord is our shepherd, and we shall not want.

**The Lord is our redeemer, and we shall be free.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN 182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

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

*Eph. 2:12*

Remember that you were at that time without Christ, aliens and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near. With the confidence of God's children, let us confess our sin.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us, faithful God. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Savior.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

## POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' table and be fed by your grace. In Christ we are forgiven, loved, and freed; we are brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace. **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 401)

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away;  
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open to us your life-giving Word, and fill us with the Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts—a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Word of the Lord. **Amen.**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

“Sheep Without a Shepherd ”

Rev. Matt Curry

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from the Confession of 1967*

**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.

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Patrick Ritsch, Soloist

\*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 prayer continues.*

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

Now go, to greet stranger and dear friend equally.

**We will share God's steadfast love as we seek to live in faithfulness.**

Now go, to share Christ's compassion with everyone.

**We will tear down dividing walls and build bridges of hope.**

Now go, to live as one as the Spirit gathers you with others.

**We will build communities that welcome all, especially the outsiders.**

THE SENDING

\*HYMN 187

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Dennis Jewett*

Communion Servers: *Paul & Charlotte Puckett*

# The Life of the Church



THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. MATT CURRY

Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

Join us for a reception following the service as we celebrate the beginning of our ministry together.

**The Help Office** is in great need of food donations. Drop off donations directly or you may bring them to the basket inside the Clinton Place door.

**A sermon series** is planned for August based on your questions. You are invited to call, text, email, or simply leave Pastor Matt a note on any subject that you have always wanted to hear addressed from the pulpit. He will pick from the ideas submitted for an August series of sermons called “You Asked For It!”

**Safe Child Training** will be held following worship on Sunday, August 8. This training is required for every adult who will be involved in any children’s program in the coming year, including Sunday School, VBS, youth group, nursery care, and Worship & Wonder. Speak to Jeff or Stephanie to set up an alternate time if needed.



**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Owensboro Multicultural Festival**, a signature ministry of First Presbyterian Church, is coming up Saturday, August 21 from 10:00-4:00 on the church grounds. This year’s theme is “Building Blocks of Peace.” Here are a few ways to get involved:

**Yard Signs** are available to promote the festival. You may check one out for your yard in the hallway near the Clinton Place door.

Follow [@OwensboroMulticulturalFestival](#) on Facebook and help spread the word!



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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