



FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Seventh Sunday
of Easter
Sunday, May 29, 2022
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

Ps. 148

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

Praise God in the heights!

Praise the Lord, sun, moon, and all you shining stars!

Praise God, you highest heavens, and the chaos above the heavens!

People of every age, gender, race, and station:

Praise the Lord!

*OPENING PRAYER AUSTRIAN HYMN

O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are in this room together, but we set aside unity for self-interest, we set aside unity for self-righteousness, we set aside unity in our self-absorption. Jesus prayed that we might be one...we forget. "The Holy Spirit makes us one" yet we do not say this as hope and vision but as an excuse to cement division. We have lost your love in our disunity. Forgive us the sins we confess. Save us from what we withhold.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are raised to new life with him. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting!
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 630)

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Beautiful Savior, ruler of the nations,
Son of God and son of man
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faith and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Rev. 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 17: 20-26 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“Praying for the Impossible?”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed Interpreted/Study Catechism

What do you believe when you confess your faith in “God the Father Almighty”?
That God is a God of love, and that God’s love is powerful beyond measure.

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord”?
That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites

us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service.

What do you affirm when you speak of "the life everlasting"?

That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled. To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him we are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all eternity.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

God Thou Art Love

Craig Courtney

If I forget, yet God remembers.

If these hands of mine cease from their clinging,

Yet the hands divine hold me so firmly, I cannot fall.

God, thou art love! I build my faith on that.

I know thee who has kept my path,

And made light for me in the darkness,

Tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy.

It were too strange that I should doubt Thy love.—Robert Browning

*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

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Pre-packaged elements are also available in baskets for a contact-free option.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

1 Cor. 10:17

We send you out with this bread and cup to share the feast of the risen Lord.

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Harley Bravo*

Communion Servers: *Lloyd and Deanna Wehrung*

The Life of the Church

Vacation Bible School will be held June 6-10. Kids age 4 through 5th grade will gather from 9am-Noon to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as we celebrate our call to be caretakers of God's creation. Register online at bit.ly/FPCVBS2022. We will need many volunteers to pull off a special week for our young people. Contact Stephanie Dube or Jeff Moles if you are interested in helping.



A Festival of the Creative Spirit will be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. After worship, we will celebrate the gifts of this community by taking in art, photography, quilts, and more. There will be refreshments and music to enjoy as we take in what is on display in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Sasha or Dennis today if you would like to exhibit your creativity.

Our **Nursery Care Provider** position is open. This important staff person will offer hospitality and care to the youngest members of our church family. Nursery care is provided from 9:00-11:45 each Sunday morning. Please contact Jerry Price if you know someone gifted in working with young ones who might be interested.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.





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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