



Mosaic Map of 6<sup>th</sup> Century Jerusalem, St. George's Church, Madaba, Jordan

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



Thirty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, November 13, 2022

# 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

*Isa. 12:2, 5*

Surely God is our salvation;

**We will trust, and will not be afraid,**

For the Lord God is our strength and our might;

**God has become our salvation.**

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

**Let this be known in all the earth.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Matt Curry

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 Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

*Isa. 12:2-3*

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so many years ago, he assures us now that God is our salvation. It is because of that confidence, because of that promise, that we dare to approach God with our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Majestic Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image and we fail to behave as those who belong to you. Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love and we turn toward our personal preferences. Merciful Spirit, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you. In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love.**

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Matt. 5:7*

The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation. **Amen.**

\*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 738)

*O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the earthquake and the silence, quiet in us voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25                      The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 21:5-19                        The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

“Do Not Be Terrified”

Rev. Matt Curry

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from A Declaration of Faith*

**God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord on behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.**

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Offertory*

John Ness Beck

\*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

**O God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 716

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

### LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Communion Servers: *Deanna & Lloyd Wehrung*



**WE'RE BETTER  
TOGETHER**

# The Life of the Church

**Pledges for the coming year** will be received today. You may bring your pledge card forward during communion to place in the Joash Box at the baptismal font. In gratitude, we return a portion of what has been given to us for the building of God's kingdom.

**A Soil Collection Ceremony** will be held this afternoon at 2:30pm on the southeast corner of the grounds of the Daviess County Courthouse. This brief gathering will commemorate the racial terror lynchings that took place in our community at this site with the goal of helping our community reckon with the past in order to build a more just future.

**Wednesday Night Faith Formation** concludes for the fall this Wednesday evening. This final session will be a large group, intergenerational celebration of Christian hospitality. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm and the program will begin at 5:40. Come join us!

**Christian Education Committee** will meet following worship today in the Library.

**The Advent Workshop** is scheduled for Sunday, December 4 from 5:00-7:00pm. There will be a simple dinner plus several seasonal activities for everyone.

**Treat Boxes for our Christmas Food Baskets** will be assembled at the Advent Workshop on December 4. We need donations of fun snack items such as fruit snacks, microwave popcorn, granola bars, individually wrapped candy. You may bring your donations to the display near the Clinton Place door.

**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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