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FIRST
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CHURCH



World Communion

Sunday

Sunday, October 2, 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.**

CHORAL INTROIT

He's Got the Whole World

Mark A. Miller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From north and south and east and west,

All Creation sings forth your praises!

The mountains and the hills burst into song;

The trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Your steadfast love never ceases.

With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of all nations, you have poured out your blessings upon all the peoples of the earth. Grant us eyes to see your gifts of faith and love. Empower us to write the vision of your peaceable kingdom, where destruction and violence are no more, where suffering and wars shall cease. Through our worship empower us to be sent out with joy as bearers of your hope in a hurting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

2 Timothy 1

God's grace was given to us in Christ before the ages began. In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. Trusting in Christ's mercy that never ends, let us honestly confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts—the spirit of power, love, and self-discipline—that with faith in Christ we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lamentations 3:22-23

We call to mind your promises and therefore we find hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies are new every morning. Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **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 340)

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

But other hearts in other lands are beating, with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one.

So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In the quietness of this hour, we wait for your Spirit. Tune our ears to hear the promise of your salvation. Incline our hearts toward your message of peace.

Summon our will to respond to your World with justice and love, that we might go forth with joy; through Christ. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalms 119:105-112 A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

2 Timothy 3:14-17 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Six Marks of Discipleship, Part 3: *Reading the Bible*

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness

through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ. As God has spoken the divine word in diverse cultural situations, the church is confident that God will continue to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world and in every form of human culture. God's word is spoken to the church today where the Scriptures are faithfully preached and attentively read in dependence on the illumination of the Holy Spirit and with readiness to receive their truth and direction.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Suzanne Guyer

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Peace and Global Witness Offering

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Arumololo

South African Song

*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

Thank you, God, for pouring out your Holy Spirit upon our many tables trusting that Christ is the host of our sacred meal together. May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine be a reminder of the true joy of communion that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love. Sustained by your Word, fed by this holy meal, may we go out with joy and be led forth in peace. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 515

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Patrick Wallace*

The Life of the Church

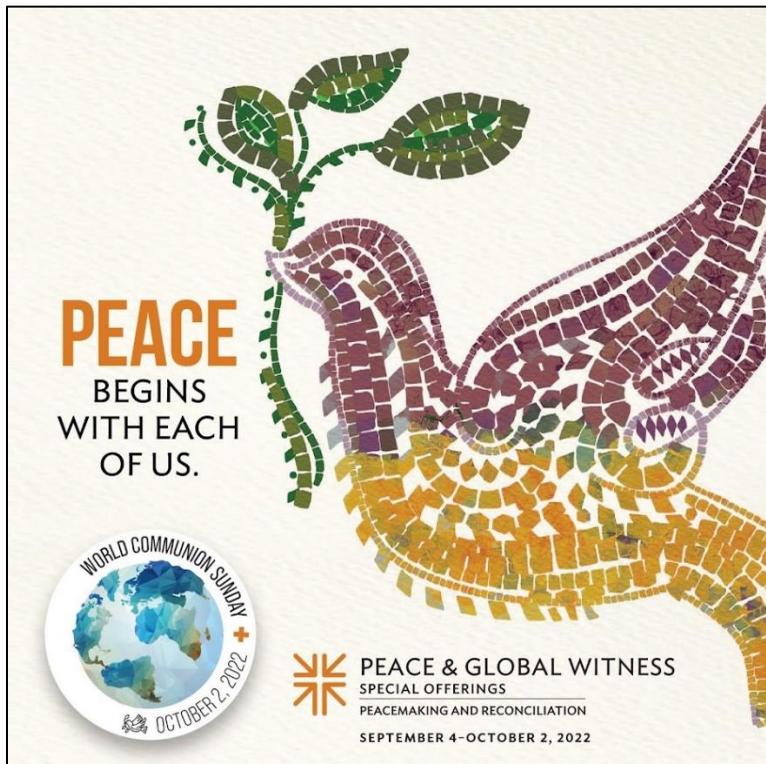
A Potluck Lunch celebrating World Communion Sunday will be held after worship today. Even if you were unable to bring anything, we still hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Faith Formation continues through November 16. Dinner is served at 5:00, a brief worship time is at 5:40, and classes for all ages are from 6:00-7:00.

The adult class on Wednesday nights is studying Michael W. Foss's *Power Surge: Six Marks of Discipleship for a Changing Church*. For Wednesday, October 5, read chapter 5.

The Spirit Lifters will be eating out at Niko's this Tuesday, October 4 at 5:30. Let Jerry Price know by tomorrow if you would like to be included in the reservation.

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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