

**THE ORDER FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:30 AM ~ November 22, 2020**

PRELUDE

“Give Thanks”

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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WELCOME & GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 150)

*One: Praise the Lord!
Praise God in the heavenly sanctuary that is the Lord's;
praise God in the mighty vault of heaven that God created!*

**ALL: Praise God for mighty deeds that are God's alone;
praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!**

*One: Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lute and harp!*

**ALL: Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe!**

*One: Praise God with clanging cymbals;
praise God with loud clashing cymbals!*

**ALL: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

*HYMN #641

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

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1 When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

2 How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

3 So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!

4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!

5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Divine Breath of Life, Word of Truth, Inspiration of all good things, hear our prayers. Our lives are filled with anxiety which makes us hesitant to help others, fearful that we will not have enough for ourselves. We react to the world's anger and self-centeredness by closing our doors to people who do not agree with us. Our minds are strangled, afraid of unknowns in so many directions, and it seems impossible at times to do more than just go through the motions in our actions and in our relationships. We are paralyzed, we are blind, we are deaf; we need to be healed.

We kneel before you and dare to ask: breathe your calm into our hearts, that we may open them to the needs of others; remind us of your truth, that we may love as in your example; spark our imaginations, that we may be astounded at the joy to be found in helping and being helped. By the grace which you alone can extend, forgive us and bring us back to your tasks of love surrounding us.

(A moment for silent meditation and confession.)

KYRIE ELEISON



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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn #581)

*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.*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from Philippians 2:5–11)

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess, to the glory of God,
that Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

Jodi Haun,
Director of Children's Ministries & Missions

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.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"
Sanctuary Choir 2018

Music by Richard M. Walsh

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Mark 4:1-12

SECOND READING

Acts 28:23-31

SERMON

"Proclaiming the Presence of God"

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN #269

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;

lead on, O God of might!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Isaac Watts; arr. Tracey Phillips Cooper

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**Congregation standing or seated*