

**THE ORDER FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:30 AM ~ July 18, 2021**

If you are visiting First Presbyterian Church for the first time, welcome! We encourage you to fill out the Visitor's Card, located in the back of the pews, and drop it in the model church/offering box on your way out of worship this morning. Your doing so will give us a way to reach out and begin to know you. Prayer cards, found in the pew backs, collected during the first hymn will be included during the Prayers of the People.

PRELUDE

“Purer in Heart, O God”

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WELCOME & GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

MOMENT FOR JAPAN MISSIONARIES: MUSTARD SEED

David & Sarah Mae Livengood

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 131)

One: Our Creator longs to gather us under her wings.

ALL: We long to rest near the Divine heartbeat.

One: In this sacred space of worship,

ALL: God's longing and our longing meet.

One: Like sheltered chicks,

ALL: Like weaned children,

We rest here and are renewed.

*HYMN #35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

[If you are fully vaccinated, please join in singing. Others, please dwell with the text in your heart and mind and quietly hum along as the leader sings.]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in your mercy hear our prayer. We confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, to sacrifice your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, to sacrifice our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige and pleasure, or possessions – seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. Calm and quieten our souls, keep us humble, full of wonder and trusting as we live in your love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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

“The Apostles' Creed”

(Traditional)

I believe in

God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and
buried;**

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in

the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic* church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(* In this context, the word “catholic” means “universal”)

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

"The Meeting"

Anderson, Bruford, Wakeman, Howe
Rick Walsh - Vocal, Guitar

FIRST READING

Philippians 2:1-11

SECOND READING

Matthew 18:1-5

SERMON

"Becoming Humble"

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Crilley

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

HYMN #688 *"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"*

[If you are fully vaccinated, please join in singing. Others, please dwell with the text in your heart and mind and quietly hum along as the leader sings.]

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Arthur H. Messiter; arr. John Innes

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**Congregation standing or seated*

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**Please join David & Sarah Mae in the Coffee Bar, on the second floor, following the service for a meet and greet.
Refreshments will be served.**

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WAYS TO GIVE

In Christ, God has showered us with grace upon grace. In gratitude, we now give back to God through our tithes and offerings.

Monetary offerings may be given electronically or in the vessels at each exit. To make a contribution electronically, please scan the QR Code below.



HOW TO LOG YOUR ATTENDANCE

We are changing the way we keep attendance. You may now 1) "check-in" your entire household with the push of a button on your membership app; 2) Write your names on a slip of paper and drop in the collection vessels; 3) scan the QR Code below which will take you to a simple form (this works well for first time visitors).

