

**THE ORDER FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:30 AM ~ September 12, 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.

PRELUDE

“The Master Has Called Us”

arr. Gerald Peterson

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WELCOME & GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: By God's grace, we are who we are:

ALL: People who are called, but afraid to follow.

One: By God's grace, we are who we are:

ALL: People who are called, and gifted with courage.

One: By God's grace, we are who we are:

ALL: People who are called, and given good news to share.

*HYMN #10

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God enthroned in heaven: most of us would not consider ourselves to be holy. We often think of others as inconveniences or intrusions, not as sisters or brothers. And, too often we look at others with pride or spite, not through the eyes of compassion. We are so busy listening to ourselves, we cannot hear the anguish and loneliness of our neighbors.

Forgive us, God enthroned in our hearts. You have set us apart so we might be a partner with hurting people. We belong to your Kingdom so we might bring others in to live with us. We would risk following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who first risked calling us as disciples. Amen.

(A moment for silent meditation and confession.)

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Holy One became wholly human so we might know love. The One enthroned on high endured the Cross so we might have life. Believe this good news: we are forgiven!

ALL: By God's grace, we are who we are: forgiven and restored people. Thanks be to God.

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

Excerpt from *“The Brief Statement of Faith”*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

We pray that God’s merciful blessings will abide with
Lila Jane Batty, daughter of Josh and Katie,
as she is presented for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
Kim Jones will serve as the Elder Representative.

VOWS OF THE CONGREGATION

One: Do we, as Christ’s body, the Church, promise to nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and to include Lila in

our caring by surrounding her with our love and prayers, whether she is near or far from us, so that she will know she is a part of God's community of love and forgiveness?

ADULTS: We do, with God's help.

One: To the children and young people of this congregation: The adults have made a commitment to Lila. However, you too are important in God's work. Will you promise to welcome her and to share your love of Jesus with everyone you meet? If so, say, "We will, with God's help."

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: We will, with God's help.

WELCOME

One: Abigail has been received into the one body of Christ through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

ALL: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

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