

**First
Presbyterian
Church** IN VICTOR
WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



First Presbyterian Church

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Pastors: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader
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Organist: Ayn Patrowicz

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Greeters/Fellowship: John & Sue Toomey

Liturgist: Dave Henderson

Communion: Brenda Dean

Order of Worship

October 1, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

World Communion Sunday

Farewell service: Pastor Jimmy and Pastor Joy

Prelude

“Ayre” by Georg Philipp Telemann

Welcome & Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship**

From Psalm 145

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

We praise your name and join in unending worship.

***Opening Hymn No. 420**

“God of Grace, God of Glory”

***Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
(cont.)

Scripture (cont.)

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to
his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not
only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—
continue to work out your salvation with fear and
trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in
order to fulfill his good purpose.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Thank you for calling us to be your church, for
pouring your Holy Spirit into us, filling us with
grace, love, compassion, and peace. Forgive us
when we forget your call and cease to love one
another as you have loved us. Free us from our
anxieties as we enter a new chapter of
adventure and grace.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children's Time

“We Are the Church”

Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us,
may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to
be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking,
in our believing, and in our living.
Amen.**

Scripture

1 Corinthians 3

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people
who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere
infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were
not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still
worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you,
are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For
when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow
Apollos,” are you not mere human beings?

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only
servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has
assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it,
but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants
nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes
things grow.

The one who plants and the one who waters have one
purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own
labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's
field, God's building.

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise
builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should
build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the
one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver,
costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for
what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be
revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each
person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will
receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss
but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through
the flames.

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and
that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's
temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred,
and you together are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are
wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so
that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is
foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise
in their craftiness”; and again, “The Lord knows that the
thoughts of the wise are futile.” “So then, no more boasting
about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or
Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or
the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of
God.

Sermon "What About This Church Business?"

***Hymn of Response** *GTG No. 301* "Let Us Build the House"

Offering "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"
(*Steve Song and Joy Bergfalk*)

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord God, thank you for the blessings
you have given us year after year.
Help us to wisely use the time you have given us.
Lead us, while we remain here on earth,
to serve you through all the people around us
who are in need. Amen.**

Choir Anthem "Bread of Life", arr. by Lee G. Barrow
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Communion *Breads from Around the World*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer - *sung by the congregation*

***Benediction**

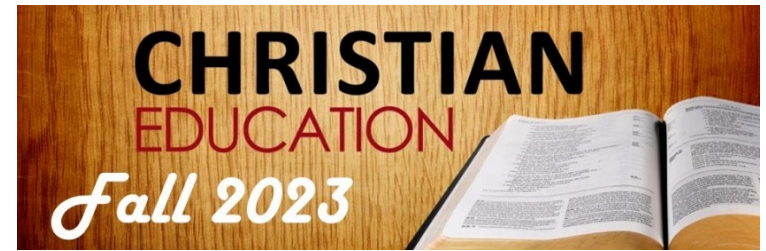
***Postlude** "I Love to Tell the Story", arr. by Brian Glyncannon



Liturgists: Please sign up on the volunteer schedule bulletin board in the Welcome Center, or email Courtney in the office if you would like to help.

Communion Preparers: We are in need of additional volunteers to help prepare the elements for communion each month this Fall/Winter. Communion will be served on the second Sunday of each month.

Greeters and Coffee Hour Volunteers: Please sign up on the volunteer schedule bulletin board in the Welcome Center, or email Courtney in the office if you would like to help.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM YEAR 2023-2024 FOR KIDS

We're excited to dive into our FALL curriculum for kids! We are using **Whirl Lectionary**, a Lectionary-centered curriculum that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. The scripture-based lessons include time to explore the Bible together, watch engaging animations that help kids relate the Bible stories to their lives, respond to the Scripture with creative leaflet activities, & pray together. The Fall scripture lessons are from Matthew, Philippians & Romans.

COMING SOON TO COFFEE HOUR

We're launching something new for ALL AGES! Intergenerational Activities, Projects, Crafts! Grandparents, grandchildren, Moms & Dads, siblings...anyone who is interested may join in the fun. No pre-registration is needed & materials are provided. Watch for more information to be announced soon!

ADULT EDUCATION

A six-week book study will be co-led by Amy Reinhardt & Jan Astles **October 15 – November 19**, after Sunday Worship. We will meet at 11:30 in the Library. Grab a cup of coffee & a snack & come join the discussion! The book, "When Christians Get It Wrong" by Adam Hamilton, invites reflection & discussion of attitudes, actions & beliefs of Christians that are most often cited as problematic by non-Christians. The author offers insights & suggestions at the end of each chapter, on what it looks like when Christians get it right. As we seek to follow Jesus, get to know our neighbors & minister to the needs in the community around us, let's acknowledge that we sometimes get it wrong, determine to get it right, & "learn more about the way of humility, confession, compassion, and renewed commitment to a deeper integrity." (quote is from book review by Scot McKnight)



**Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:
*details on each event in your eNews***

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 1 World Communion Sunday

- 9:20 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10 am Sunday Worship with Sunday School & communion
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 7:30pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

Tuesday, October 3

- 9:30 am Free Panera
- 7:00 pm Bridge Class

Wednesday, October 4

- 1:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, October 8

Welcome Pastor Mike McNamara!

- 10 am Sunday Worship with Sunday School
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 7:30pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

The meal train continues for Marilyn & Larry Teel as Larry continues to heal. Please scan the QR code to sign-up! *Meals must be **gluten-free** and they like fresh fruits and vegetables.



Thank you for the gift of your presence here this morning. We are so glad you have chosen to spend this time in this space. Please know you are invited to participate in any way that is most helpful for you. You are not expected to announce your presence, but you are most welcome to reach out to anyone here. You are invited to fellowship following worship downstairs in Corey Hall and we would love to share a coffee and a chat. If you would like to have us reach out to you in the days ahead, please fill out the Visitor Card in the pew and drop it in the Offering plate or use the *QR code below*.

If you are here with children, that is wonderful, and they are welcome too. Sunday School is offered during the worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Children's Time. Youth Group Sunday School is also offered for children in 6th grade and up every other Sunday. The Infant Care Room, equipped so users can hear and watch the service, is located at the top of the eastern stairs in the back of the sanctuary.

It is good to have you here. Welcome.

**Interested in becoming a member?
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