

First Presbyterian Church

IN VICTOR
WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship

October 8, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. by Stephen Nielsen

Welcome & Announcements

*Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 19

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God

P: the firmament proclaims God's handiwork

L: The law of the LORD is perfect

P: reviving the soul

L: the decrees of the LORD are sure

P: making wise the simple

L: the precepts of the LORD are right

P: rejoicing the heart

L: the commandment of the LORD is clear

P: enlightening the eyes

L: the fear of the LORD is pure

P: enduring forever

L: the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether

P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

***Opening Hymn No. 166** "The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise"

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children's Time

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words,

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

7 "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." 20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Sermon

"Fear and Perfection"

*Hymn of Response *No. 425*

"Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining"

Offering

*Doxology

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O God maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Remember Me"

~to the tune of "Though I May Speak", from "Songs of Grace"
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Psalm 19" arr. by Jack Schrader

*Cover art: Moses receiving the Ten Commandments, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN



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.