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# Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

October 23, 2022

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Children are welcome and encouraged to remain in Worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) is available for children 3 and under. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn 389: O Jesus, I Have Promised**

Nyland

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us; for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us; for all the times we have acted without love, forgive us; for all the times we have reacted without thought, forgive us; for all the times we have withdrawn care, forgive us; for all the times we have failed to forgive, forgive us; for hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes, have mercy upon us and forgive us.**

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone and a new life has begun.

All: **In Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

*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 A 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. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. We deserve God's condemnation, yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Children's Moment

Catherine Adams

*After the Children's Moment, children preschool - 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are invited to participate in a combined Worship Workshop experience in Room 101 to learn more about the practices and purpose of worship.*

### Offertory Anthem

#### Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Pacheco

*Isacc Martinez, Soloist*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one*

*High King of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all*

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9**

(pew Bible OT, p.685-686)

### "Faith Yields"

Peter Thompson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering  
Offertory Anthem

**Consecration**  
*Text to Hymn #391*

F. Chatfield

**\*Doxology**

Hymn #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

**\*Hymn 399: We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

Dunlap's Creek

We walk by faith and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
From Christ Who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on You when You are near  
And seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are,  
With full and endless sight.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Prelude in C Major**

J. S. Bach

*We encourage all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another. All are also encouraged to join in the Narthex for lemonade and cookies before participating in one of the many spiritual growth opportunities available for all ages.*

# Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU!

A congregational letter and narrative budget outlining God's call for First Presbyterian Church in 2023 has been mailed to all those we have addresses and emails. If you did not receive one, please ask an usher or stop by the welcome desk at the main entrance and pick one up. To meet God's call, it is going to take all of us giving all we can at this time. The letter calls for us to submit our 2023 commitment and pledge to God and God's church at First Presbyterian by today, October 23. For the 60 we have received, with an average of \$3,157 annually, we thank you! If you have not yet turned your commitment in, you may do so in the offering plate today or return it to the church as soon as you are able. If you need any further information or help getting set up with recurring online payments, contact Lori Wright, Business Director, at 434-384-6231 or [lori@fpcly.org](mailto:lori@fpcly.org).

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## Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

### IMPACT Saturday – THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone that supported this event and that came out to volunteer yesterday! We are grateful for the chance to serve alongside our community partners!

### “Come and Be Fed” Potluck Dinner – THIS Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and good food! Everybody's welcome and encouraged to bring a favorite dish (entrée, side, or dessert) to share! Contact Alex for more information.

### First Pres Presents *All Saints' Day Concert*- THIS Saturday, October 29, 4:00 pm

The First Presbyterian Chancel Choir will be joined by singers from Southern Virginia University and an orchestra of local musicians, to perform Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living*. This work, in observance of All-Saints Day, “is a prayer for rest- traditionally, for the deceased. The five movements...however, form a narrative just as much for the living, and their own struggle with pain and sorrow, as for the dead.” We hope you'll join us for this collaborative event of beautiful and powerful music. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be available.

### Trunk or Treat – NEXT Sunday, October 30, 4-6pm

We hope you and your family will come enjoy the candy, costumes, and community in the back parking lot. Attendees are encouraged to bring an item from this snack list (*granola bars, Rice Krispie treats, applesauce cups/pouches or individual trail mix/nut pouches*), to donate to Food for Thought for kids in our community. There's still time to sign up if you'd like to host a “trunk” at this year's event! Contact Alex to reserve a spot!

### “Share the Warmth” Fall Coat Drive – Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - November 19<sup>th</sup>

We are once again partnering with One Community, One Voice to “Share the Warmth” this Fall! Drop off a gently used coats, scarves, hats, socks, or gloves in the bin in the lobby, which will then be distributed to folks in our community this Fall and Winter. All ages, sizes, and styles needed!

**\*\* Please view the calendar at [www.fpcly.org](http://www.fpcly.org) or call the church office for more information. \*\***

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