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Worship... Service of Praise and Singing

January 29, 2023

Whatever brought you to worship today, know that you are welcome and loved.

Building Hospitality: Our building is a wonderful resource. It can also feel like a labyrinth when you are learning your way around. Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way to restrooms, elevator, or nursery. Wayfinding signs are also posted at all intersections. Hearing-assist devices and large print hymnals are also available in the Narthex for any who may need this assistance.

Welcoming Children: Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. In order to make worship as welcoming for our little ones as possible, worship carts are available with a variety of resources to create a worship bag to take to your seat. After the Children's Moment, children 4 years old through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in room 101 or stay for the remainder of worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) is available for children 3 and under.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Cantilène religieuse

T. Dubois

Bell Introit

All Things Bright and Beautiful

S. Eithun

Chancel Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 483: Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above**

Mit Freuden Zart

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepth
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth

Within the Kingdom of God's might, Lo!

All is just and all is right

To God all praise and glory

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.

As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song, my voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body take your part:

To God all praise and glory.

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. Yet our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. We fail to grow into your likeness. Have mercy on us, we pray. Forgive us.

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: Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Marcia Thom-Kaley

Choral Anthem

Blest are the Pure in Heart

H. Walford Davies

*Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God:
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart,
and for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.*

"Singing Our Theology"

Peter Thompson

Intro to the Hymn: written by Jeff Wilson

*Hymn 467: How Great Thou Art

O Store Gud

Oh Lord, my God! When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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Intro to the Hymn: written by Fontaine Harris

***Hymn 478: Praise My Soul The King of Heaven**

Lauda Anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress.
Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Fatherlike He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hand He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him; ye behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Intro to the Hymn: Nancy Dawson

***Hymn 172: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

Resignation

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name:
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call To Offering

The Two Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger relief in our community will be collected in baskets in the Narthex at the end of worship. All are invited to give to this offering as you are able.

Offertory Anthem

Hear my Cry, O God

C. Franck

Amy Pugh, Soloist

Hear my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer; From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, When my heart is overwhelm'd, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I, that is higher than I. For Thou has been a shelter for me and a strong tower, a strong tower from the enemy. When I cry unto God then shall my enemies turn back; this I know, for God is for me. In God will I praise His word, In God I have put my trust, In God will I praise His word. Let my mouth be fill'd with praise, and with Thy honor all the day. Amen, Amen.

***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 485: To God Be the Glory

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

P. Lutkin

*Postlude

Marche-Sortie

T. Dubois

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.

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Embracing Grief: Renewing Joy – Don't forget to sign up! Class starts this week!

Tuesdays (January 31 - April 25), Westminster Canterbury Hume Room @ 1:30pm
Wednesdays (February 1 - April 26), First Presbyterian Church Library @ 11:30am

We all process through grief differently; this class is designed to honor and value each participant's individual journey alongside a community of others. Rev. Dr. Nancy Dawson will lead two class sessions using her own grief experiences after the losses of her parents and husband.
To sign up, call Nancy at (804) 399-9545.

First Pres Presents Fine Art Series Concert - Saturday, February 18th @ 4:00 p.m.

We welcome the Liberty University Chamber Singers, one of the premier chamber choral ensembles of the community, into the wonderful singing space of the First Presbyterian Sanctuary. The group will present a diverse program of impressive choral literature spanning the ages under the direction of Dr. Wayne Kompelien. Admission is free and a free-will offering will be received.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk – Saturday, February 25th @ 5:00 p.m.



We are honored to again partner with Miriam's House by hosting a team in the *Coldest Night of the Year* walk. This is a nation-wide event to raise awareness (and funds) for local organizations working to end homelessness. If you would like to join the FPC team and walk (2k and 5k options available) or support our team financially scan the QR code to the left with your phone camera. You can also contact Alex Collier for more details!

Malawi Trip – June 2023

Thank you to those that joined us for the informational meeting two weeks ago. If you weren't able to join us and have questions, please reach out to Alex Collier or Bill Perkins. We hope to purchase plane tickets the first week of February for this trip.

You're Invited to Host Lemonade and Cookies!

We LOVE the opportunity to stay after worship and visit with folks while enjoying "Lemonade and Cookies!" It's a great way to connect and engage with others! We cannot do it without the hospitable hands of this community. If you would like to lend a hand as a host one Sunday, hover your phone over the QR to the right and sign up to serve one Sunday! If you're interested, but not sure how it works, let us know and we will connect you to a veteran Lemonade and Cookie host!



**** Please view the calendar at www.fpclly.org or call the church office for more information. ****

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