

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 10 am

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever." (Psalms 106:1)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.

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PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

**PASSING THE PEACE;
REMEMBERING THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS**

CHOIR: *Sine Nomine*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Lord, our Lord: how excellent is your name in all the earth.
Because of who you are, we praise You.
Because of what you've done, we thank You.**

**You are a Father to the fatherless,
the Strength of the weak,
the Protector of the powerless,
an Advocate for widows, orphans, the poor, the disenfranchised.
You are just in all your ways and righteous in all your judgments.**

**While those all around us spin facts and lie to us,
You alone speak clear, unvarnished truth.**

**While the love of most comes with small print and strings attached,
Your love is gracious, unfettered and free.**

**Yet, when we encounter the light of Your purity, truth and glory,
we ourselves are revealed for who we are,
our shadow-sides are unmasked,
our motives laid bare,
and we must confront what we'd rather hide—or hide from.**

**However, we know your grace is sufficient for even that,
and Your mercy is lavish beyond imagination.
So we humbly come to you confessing our sins,
our failures to live up to our high calling in Jesus**

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

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HYMN #260: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Giving Thanks for Who God Is, and What God is Like"*

Psalm 92

A psalm. A song to be sung on the Sabbath Day.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to the Most High.

² It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening,

- ³ accompanied by a ten-stringed instrument, a harp,
and the melody of a lyre.
- ⁴ You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me!
I sing for joy because of what you have done.
- ⁵ O LORD, what great works you do!
And how deep are your thoughts.
- ⁶ Only a simpleton would not know,
and only a fool would not understand this:
- ⁷ Though the wicked sprout like weeds
and evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.
- ⁸ But you, O LORD, will be exalted forever.
- ⁹ Your enemies, LORD, will surely perish;
all evildoers will be scattered.
- ¹⁰ But you have made me as strong as a wild ox.
You have anointed me with the finest oil.
- ¹¹ My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the defeat of my wicked opponents.
- ¹² But the godly will flourish like palm trees
and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.
- ¹³ For they are transplanted to the LORD's own house.
They flourish in the courts of our God.
- ¹⁴ Even in old age they will still produce fruit;
they will remain vital and green.
- ¹⁵ They will declare, "The LORD is just!
He is my rock!
There is no evil in him!"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,
and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and then partake of it in unison.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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HYMN #92: *BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS*

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor) Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Caring Hearts (after the service in the parlor)
Tuesday, Nov. 5	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Wednesday, Nov. 6	Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30) Soup and Study: <i>From Manuscripts to Translations</i> Coffee and Study (1:00 pm) Soup and Study (6:00 pm)
Saturday, Nov. 9	Creation Station (11:00 – 1:00)
Sunday, Nov. 10	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
LOOKING AHEAD	November 24: Three-congregation Thanksgiving worship service and potluck

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