

Worship at First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 10 am

*"We are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.
And since we know he hears us when we make our requests,
we also know that he will give us what we ask for." (1 John 5:14-15)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #139: COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise:
Father, all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be, Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

O God, you are our God;
Our souls thirst for you;
our whole beings long for you
in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

**Lord, we have experienced your power and glory;
Your unfailing love is better than life itself;
how we praise you!**

We will praise you as long as we live,
lifting up our hands to you in prayer.

**We will praise you with songs of joy.
We will praise you as we meditate on your goodness;
We will praise you for your care and instruction.**

* Please stand if you are able

Come, let us exalt the Lord together.

Based on Psalm 63:1-8.

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CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ. *[Refrain]*

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore. *[Refrain]*

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (UNISON)

Almighty and merciful God:
You are the source of all goodness;
you know the thoughts and attitudes of our hearts,
and our actions as well.

We confess that we have sinned against you.

Wash us, we ask you, from the stains of our past sins.

* *Please stand if you are able*

**Give us the grace, conviction and strength
to put away those things that tempt as in the present—
and will tempt us in the future.**

Being delivered from the bondage of sin,
may we bring forth fruits worthy of repentance,
and at last enter into your promised joy.

**We pray these things
through the mercy of your blessed One,
our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Based on a prayer by Alcuin of York (late 700s)

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

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I MUST TELL JESUS

I must tell Jesus all of my trials,
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me,
He ever loves and cares for His own.

*I must tell Jesus,
I must tell Jesus,
I cannot bear my burdens alone.
I must tell Jesus,
I must tell Jesus,
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles,
He is a kind compassionate friend;
If I but ask Him He will deliver,
Make of my troubles quickly an end. *[Refrain]*

Tempted and tried I need a great Savior,
One who can help my burdens to bear;
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus,
He all my cares and sorrows will share. *[Refrain]*

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READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"The Promise of Answered Prayer"*

John 15:1-17

I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

⁹ “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! ¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶ You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

WE RESPOND 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

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HYMN #403: “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

- TODAY** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Sharing Table (before and after the service)
Out of the Pew Hiking Crew: Hike at Lake Quinault (12:00 - ??)
- Tuesday, Oct. 1** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Wednesday, Oct. 3** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Sunday, Oct. 6** WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- LOOKING AHEAD** Saturday, Oct. 12: *Creation Station* crafting group (11:00–1:00)
Wednesday, Oct. 30: Fall Coffee and Study/Soup and Study starts!

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