

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

August 4, 2024 at 10 am

*“He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. . . .
The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones,
and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”* (Revelation 21:10, 14)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HE HAS MADE ME GLAD

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

*He has made me glad; He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad;
He has made me glad; He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.*

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I will enter His courts with praise.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Here today there is love, freely available to all.
Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent,
but God’s supreme love.

**May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
break forth into joyous songs of praise.**

Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes,
deeper than the immensities of time and space,
God’s all-encompassing love.

**Let the seas roar their praise,
and everything in them.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills sing together their happiness.**

The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with us all
as we worship our loving and Triune God together.

Based on Psalm 98, John 15:9-17.

* Please stand if you are able

HYMN #423: JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "What Happened Next: Did the Apostles Do after Jesus' Ascension?"

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Acts 1:8

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Revelation 21:10-14

[One of the angels] took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone—like jasper as clear as crystal. ¹² The city wall was broad and high, with twelve gates guarded by twelve angels. And the names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written on the gates. ¹³ There were three gates on each side—east, north, south, and west. ¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

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.

HYMN #439: IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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 Confession and Thanksgiving

Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"

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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HERE IS LOVE

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving kindness as the flood;
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten,
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy,
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above.
Heaven's peace and perfect justice,
Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let us all His love accepting,
Love Him ever all our days;
Let us seek His kingdom only,
And our lives to be His praise.
He alone shall be our glory,
Nothing in the world we see;
He has cleansed and sanctified us,
He Himself has set us free.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Aug. 6** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
National Night Out:
BBQ/Building Neighborhood Partnerships (6:00 – 7:30)
- Wednesday, Aug. 7** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Thursday, Aug. 8** Session (7:00 pm)
- Sunday, Aug. 11** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Potluck (after the service)
- Wednesday, Aug. 14** Lawn Concert, with Angel Phoenix (6:30 – 8:00)

We all appreciate our coffee time after services but they are dependent on our generous volunteers who sign up to help—and then bring the goodies. There are no requirements or expectations of what to bring; some enjoy preparing a variety of treats, but a couple trays of cookies are wonderful, too. If you'd like to help, the sign-up sheet is on the table on the left as you leave the sanctuary. Thanks!

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