

GATHERING

*I listen quietly, Lord, and the sounds of creation draw me to you. It is then that I hear your voice. Sometimes it is difficult to fully receive your pleasure in me, to grasp that you are fond of me. May I remember that I am yours, today and always.
Amen.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

R. Vaughan Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Him.

Though rejected by mortals, He is chosen and precious in God's sight.

Be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.

Offering ourselves as spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

* **HYMN 4** Holy God, We Praise Your Name Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* **ACT OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7:4-17 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Greater Love Hath No Man

J. Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath call'd you out of darkness, into his marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Vicki Sumner

(Children will remain seated with their families for the Time for Young Disciples.)

- * **HYMN 169** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind Rest
NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 2:4-10 (NRSV)
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
- SERMON** Built into a Spiritual House Rev. Mark Hults
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONDING

- * **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
- * **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- * **THE LORD'S PRAYER**
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

- * **HYMN 363** Rejoice, the Lord is King! Darwall's 148th
* **BENEDICTION**
* **POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune D. Locklair

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Vicki Sumner **SOUND:** Dink Henderson
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey **VIDEO:** John Rayl
QUINTET: Lindsey Neumann, Alexis Vellis, soprano; Danielle Alexander, alto; Daemyung Hyun, tenor; Andrew Netardus, baritone
CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to the family of Elinor Wallace who joined the Church Triumphant on October 8, 2020.
CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to Bill and Georgine Hager, William Ward Hager II, and Ann Elizabeth Hager upon the passing of mother and grandmother, Gerda Hager, who joined the Church Triumphant on September 12, 2020.

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

TEXT: Atr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774; trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858, alt.

MUSIC: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, c. 1774; harm. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

7.8.7.8.7.7

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 7:4-17 (NRSV)

⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. ¹⁵ But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 2:4-10 (NRSV)

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind"

These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 19:11-12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.

TEXT: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872
 MUSIC: Frederick Charles Maker, 1887

REST
 8.6.8.8.6
 (alternate tune: REPTON)

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
 and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4.
 "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune
 (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.
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DARWALL'S 148TH
 6.6.6.6.8.8

CELEBRATE WITH NIC-TO-GO



Global Missions invites the congregation to a Graduation Celebration and Socially Distanced Tailgate on Saturday, November 7.

In 2017, First Presbyterian Church partnered with Overseas Council and FIET, a reformed seminary

in Argentina, to establish a leadership training center in Estelí, Nicaragua. In June, one hundred forty men and women completed a three-year course of study in the Bible, theology, and tools for leading ministries. They are now teaching Sunday school and leading Bible studies and ministries for women, men, couples, youth, and children in their churches. Also in June, another one hundred forty began the three-year course. You have provided the financial support for this ministry.

A big part of that was your support of our Nic-to-Go BBQ lunches. To say thank you, we want to buy you lunch. On Saturday, November 7 from noon to 1 p.m., we will be distributing our traditional pulled pork and mac-n-cheese lunches from the Mary Gate on the north side of the church. So that we can plan, please let us know if you will be coming and how many lunches you want. Place your order by Wednesday, November 4 by clicking on this link or calling the church office at (352) 378-1527. Thank you for your support.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Nationally, Family Promise Week is October 18-25. It is a time we celebrate the amazing things that your support is accomplishing for local families.



Meet "T&C" and their beautiful children - ages 8 months and 3 years old

"My family and I were staying with a friend while I was waiting on an apartment to become available. I got the call saying it was available but they accidentally had us down for the wrong room size, so we had to go back on the waiting list. My friend just up and told us we couldn't stay at her place any longer, so we were put out with nowhere to go. We moved back and forth between motels which was very stressful with a 3-year old and a 7 month old and also pregnant. But with Family Promise's help, we made it and are finally living in an apartment. We are moving to our permanent house next week! I can't say how grateful we are for the help Family Promise provided us! If it wasn't for them, I'm not really sure where we would be right now."

The story of T&C is all too familiar. Family Promise is happy to have been part of T&C's journey this year. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Family Promise shelter and housing programs.

LIVE STREAM EQUIPMENT

The Session voted to purchase equipment to allow the congregation to view the worship service live from home. You are invited to assist with underwriting the expense of the equipment, estimated at \$9,000. Checks made payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo: Live streaming equipment, may be sent to the church office. Your generosity is appreciated.

PRAY FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Are you an essential worker? Would you like us to pray for you by name? Please contact the church office at 352-378-1527 or email communications@1stpc.org. We'll share a few names each week in this space. If you are calling for someone else, please ask if this is for staff prayer only or if we have permission to print a name in the worship guide.



WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY:

We are open for in-person worship each Sunday with one service at 11 a.m. RSVP's will still be required to attend worship. However, the deadline has been moved to the Thursday before each service at 5:00 p.m. To register for in-person worship, sign-up on our web page (www.1stpc.org), in the Weekly Invite email, or by calling the church office at 352-378-1527. All individuals who attend worship will be asked to complete a short questionnaire either online, over the phone, or in-person. Seating on Sunday morning will be limited. Please respect our need to keep attendance to the first 98 individuals.

GLORIFY GOD

Family Promise: This fall, our church is virtually hosting families from Family Promise, and there are a couple of great opportunities between Oct. 18 - 30. Purchase items for Halloween baskets for all of the FP families from this past year. Basket items should be brought to the Donation Drive-Thru on Sunday, October 25 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please click on the [link here](#) or in the weekly invite to view the online sign up sheet, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. Contact Andreas and Allison VanDenend, Fred Lundy, or Troy and Tammy Bleeker.

Donation Drive-Thru: We are collecting canned goods and Family Promise Halloween basket items on Sunday, October 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Drive to the carport where the vans are normally parked and pop your trunk. We'll be happy to unload for you or you can pass the donations out your window. Please wear a mask to help all of us stay safe. If you are joining us for in-person worship at 11 a.m., the church van will be open at the front of the lot.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Children's Worship Guides: Print and Digital versions of our children's worship guides are available for you use as you participate in worship. Links to the digital version can be found in the Weekly Invite emails from the church office. We encourage your family to discuss thoughts on worship together - even if you don't use the guide.

Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship: Stay connected to the ministries of our church with a Weekly Dose of Digital Discipleship. The goal of this form of discipleship is to create space for our church to refuel and keep our intergenerational church family connected while we are social distancing as an act of loving our neighbors. Questions? Please contact Vicki Sumner at children@1stpc.org.

Connections: This Wednesday, our children and youth will gather again on Zoom for a time to see and connect with church friends, hear a scripture message, play games, and make a joyful noise in many ways with a variety of musical instruments. Connections will be lead by Ms. Vicki, Mr. Scott, Dr. Coffey, Mr. Mitch, Mr. Simon, and guests. Join us to see what it's all about!

College Trajectory Bible Study is meeting on Zoom. For more information, please email Scott Stuart at college@1stpc.org.

Young Adult Ministry: We are meeting regularly via Zoom. For more information on Young Adult Ministry or specifically on these meetings, please email Fred Lundy at youngadult@1stpc.org.

Presbyterian Women: We may be sheltering at home, but Presbyterian Women are gathering via Zoom to do Bible Study, pray together, and enjoy at least seeing each other after so long a time. Any female member of

the congregation who would like to join in is welcome to do so. For more information, contact Elisa Neale-Tobener, PW Moderator; enslp1016@gmail.com.

The Women's Fall Bible Study meets every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. They are doing Max Lucado's study entitled *Grace*. Contact Deanna Cook for more information at deannakgraham@hotmail.com.

The Gordon Hoover Class is Zooming on Sundays at a new time of 9:00 a.m. Connect by phone or computer. Everyone is welcome! Sunday's lesson is 1 Timothy 4. If you are interested in joining, please contact Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com.

First Presbyterian Preschool is open for the academic year, 2020-2021. If you know of anyone that is looking for a preschool, we would appreciate you recommending ours. For more information, contact Lisa Hershkowitz at preschool@1stpc.org.


MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Melda Bassett, Ellen Farber, Jayne Fox, Lib Harrer, Emily Hoyer, Frank Maturo, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Trinity Gilkey, Brian Hill, Matt Roland, Emily Snook, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez, Joe Mueller, and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

Online Contributions can be made through your computer or smart phone. Go to 1stpc.org and click the red Pushpay icon. Give to the General Budget or specify the designated ministry in the memo section. Text Contributions, bill pay through your bank, and electronic funds transfers are also options. Contact Trudy through the church office or by email business@1stpc.org if you have any questions.

FPC Figures for October 11

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$15,577
Pledged and Loosed Offerings	\$10,684
YTD General Budget Requirements	\$233,654
YTD Actual General Budget Receipts	\$230,909

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