

GATHERING

Beloved Savior, my heart overflows with your goodness. The night has passed. The morning has come. Your voice calls me to arise and come with you into this new day. Let your love strengthen me to answer your call and follow you, caring for those in need of your love. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

My Jesus I Love Thee
Chancellor Barbaree, baritone

arr. D. Forrest

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou Art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Who may abide in the presence of God?

Those in whom the name of the Lord Jesus is praised.

God has lavished us with every perfect gift from above.

And called us to living intimacy through the beloved one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*** HYMN 265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:8-13 (NRSV)

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ANTHEM (11 A.M.) God of Great and God of Small N. Sleeth

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, alleluia, praised be Thy name. God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny, God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour, alleluia, praised be Thy name. God of silence, God of sound, God in whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right. God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth, God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore, alleluia, praised be Thy name.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.) Sarah Whitfield

(Afterward, children in kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed to Kids-4-God.)

* **HYMN 22** God of the Sparrow ROEDER

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 19:11-20 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON Power 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (11 A.M.) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. R. Waters
Chancelor Barbaree, baritone

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! Come, ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near, praise Him in glad adoration! Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wond'rously reigneth, shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been granted in what He ordaineth? Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew all the Almighty can do, He who with love doth befriend thee. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him.

* **DOXOLOGY** Hymn 606

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

* **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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 A.M.) (Gluten-Free Bread)

SENDING

* **HYMN 620** Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Festive Gloria

A. D. Miller

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart, Sarah Whitfield

ELDER ON DUTY: Joe Mueller

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Dr. Tiffany Fung

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHAPEL USHER: Dan Sutton; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Young Adult & Family Ministries

A/V TEAM: Marin Best, Owen Best, Dink Henderson, John Rayl

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cretora Biggerstaff from her family.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead. Visitors are welcome to participate in the worship and the work of First Presbyterian Church. You can find a "Three Steps to Membership" card with information about how to join the church in the pew racks. If you feel a call to commit your life to Jesus Christ and His Church, please speak to the pastor or an elder after worship.

Prayer of Belief: *Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.* (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let the pastor or elders on duty know.)

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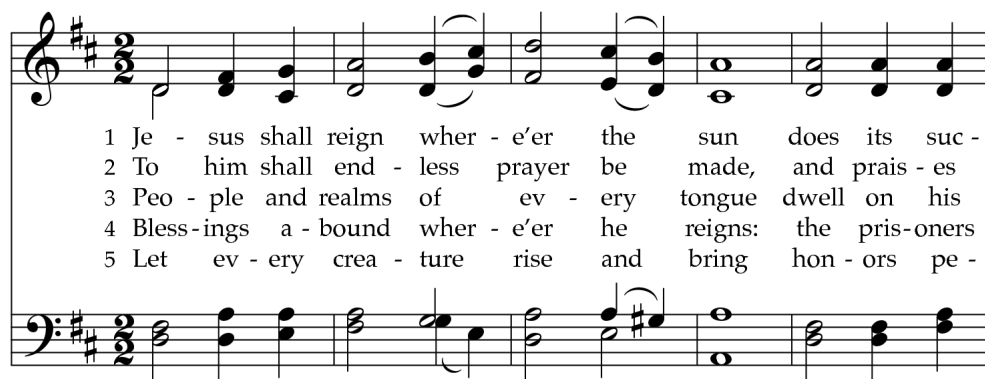
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265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 86:8-13 (NRSV)

⁸There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ⁹All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. ¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. ¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. ¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. ¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

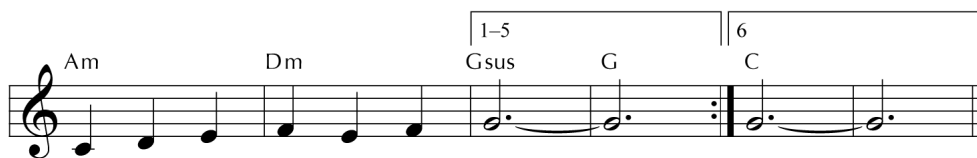
22 God of the Sparrow



1	God	of	the	spar	-	row	God	of	the	whale	God	of	the
2	God	of	the	earth	-	quake	God	of	the	storm	God	of	the
3	God	of	the	rain	-	bow	God	of	the	cross	God	of	the
4	God	of	the	hun	-	gry	God	of	the	sick	God	of	the
5	God	of	the	neigh	-	bor	God	of	the	foe	God	of	the
6	God	of	the	a	-	ges	God	near	at	hand	God	of	the



swirl	-	ing	stars	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Awe	
trum	-	pet	blast	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	cry	Woe	
emp	-	ty	grave	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Grace	
prod	-	i	-	gal	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Care
prun	-	ing	hook	How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Love	
lov	-	ing	heart	How	do	your	chil	-	dren	say	Joy	



How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Praise
How	does	the	crea	-	ture	cry	Save
How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Thanks
How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Life
How	does	the	crea	-	ture	say	Peace
How	do	your	chil	-	dren	say	Home

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

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 MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1983
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ROEDER
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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 19:11-20 (NRSV)

¹¹God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹²so that when the handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were brought to the sick, their diseases left them, and the evil spirits came out of them.

¹³Then some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." ¹⁴Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵But the evil spirit said to them in reply, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" ¹⁶Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered them all, and so overpowered them that they fled out of the house naked and wounded. ¹⁷When this became known to all residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks, everyone was awestruck; and the name of the Lord Jesus was praised. ¹⁸Also many of those who became believers confessed and disclosed their practices. ¹⁹A number of those who practiced magic collected their books and burned them publicly; when the value of these books was calculated, it was found to come to fifty thousand silver coins. ²⁰So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADORATION

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

GLORIFY GOD

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord: Don't like your seat in the sanctuary? FREE UPGRADE to the Chancel Choir! Please join us Sundays at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary and Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room. For more information, contact Mitch Rorick.

Our Favorite Hymns: Last Sunday morning was a beautiful time of praise and celebration. Thank you for your hymn stories and thank you to the Pfunds for leading us in song!

The Church office and Preschool are closed tomorrow, Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Nursery Care (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten) is available on Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service. Email Jenna Mueller at jdmueller2009@gmail.com with questions or to sign up. Families, please find the sign-in cart upstairs in the Christian Education building by room 204.

Children's Worship Guides are located in the chapel, narthex, and Gordon Hall. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship and return the bags to the baskets after the service.

Kids-4-God: Children (K through 2nd) gather in Room 217 after the Time for Young Disciples to spend time growing their faith. After the service, they return to Gordon Hall to meet their families. Contact Evelyn Lewis at citytr122@gmail.com to volunteer.

LOGOS is a mid-week ministry with worship arts, Bible time, recreation, and fellowship for children and youth age 3 through high school. We meet at the church this Wednesday, September 4 for Birthday Night from 3:30 to 6:45 p.m. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for dinner at 6 p.m. at dvloedman@aol.com.

College Cafe: All college students are invited to join us in the serving room for a delicious lunch after 11 a.m. worship. Bring your parents. Bring a friend. The menu changes weekly as it is chef's choice. Thank you to those who provided today's lunch! If you are interested in cooking/feeding our college students, please contact Scott Stuart.

Multiply Sunday Class: Meet in room 201 on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m. as we study lament with Rick Smith.

Gordon Hoover Sunday School: Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Enter through the Mary Gate or the sanctuary. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

September 1	James 5	Bob Bailey
September 8	Introduction and John 1	Perry Foote


MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Andy Adams-Smith, Marilyn Ast, Jayne Fox, Carol Hayes-Christiansen, and Elizabeth Miller. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala.

Sunday Morning Service: Visit the Sign Up Genius links in the weekly invite to be a lay reader in worship or host/make cookies for fellowship time. Looking for another way to serve? Reach out to Lizzy Tobener at tobeneale@gmail.com or visit www.1stpc.org/needs to find your perfect fit. Let's build a stronger church together!

Feeling left out of Bible study opportunities? Presbyterian Women (PW) is sponsoring a ZOOM lunchtime Bible study, *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir from 12 to 12:45 p.m. on nine consecutive Wednesdays beginning on September 11. Anyone - not just women - can join this study and will receive the Zoom connection information by leaving their email address at the church office.

Do you want an exciting career in broadcasting? ...then don't read any further. But, if you want to help our church A/V team, we are looking for volunteers to be trained to serve with our current members to film and stream our Sunday 11:00 a.m. worship or run the sound board. Please contact John Rayl for more information at jrsupergenius@gmail.com. And who knows, maybe, just maybe, you will decide to pursue that career after all!

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