

GATHERING

Living God, give me strength for this day. Let your truth surround me, your righteousness defend me, your gospel guide me, your trustworthiness shield me, and your salvation protect me, that in every trial I may stand by the power of your Spirit and live by your holy Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

J. Linker

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord makes no distinction between those whose hearts He has cleansed.

God gives the Holy Spirit to all that come to Him.

Take off additional yokes that we try to place on ourselves and others.

All of us believe and are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus alone!

*** HYMN 625**

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Watchful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your words. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost. Shine your light in our darkness and guide us back to our place in you. 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

Psalm 67 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

OT pg. 529

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

In Christ There Is No East or West

H. Burleigh

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 ev'rywhere 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Mitch Rorick and Andrew Netardus

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

- * **HYMN 641** When in Our Music God Is Glorified ENGELBERG
Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 15:1-21 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

NT pg. 134

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Going to the Wall for Another

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

Love Grows Here

D. Besig

Andrew Netardus, soloist

Take a look around you, tell me what you see; people here to worship the Lord, just like you and me. Some have come in gladness, some have come with fear; but all have come because they know that love grows here! Yes, love grows here and all of us can share the wonder and joy that it can bring. For God is near, teaching us to care, and showing our hearts how to sing. Some of us are lonely, some have many friends; some lives just beginning, some are near the end. Yet we come together knowing He is near, once again reminding us that love grows here! Yes, love grows here!

- * **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 462** I Love to Tell the Story HANKEY

This text is drawn from the second part of a 50-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.**

- * **BENEDICTION**

- * **POSTLUDE**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

R. Hobby

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Jessica Berger, Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Andrew Netardus, Mitch Rorick, Scott Stuart

ELDER ON DUTY: Susannah Peddie

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

8:30 A.M. ORGANIST & COLLABORATIVE PIANIST: Dr. Tiffany Fung

EUPHONIUM: Thomas Chamberlain

CHAPEL USHER: Rose Anna Rutledge; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Maralyn Foote, Louis Motz, Mary Lou Schubert

A/V TEAM: Norah Barat, Owen Best, Frank Counts, Jack Harling, John Rayl

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given with great thanks to the Lord and this church family for another year of service alongside each of you. To God alone be the glory - Fred, Lisa, Kate, and Parker Lundy

CELEBRATING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS: Many of you have shared with us your favorite hymn and a personal story about it. Gather in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. this morning, August 25, as we sing some of those hymns together led by Dr. Christopher and Lynette Pfund. We will also celebrate in worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. with hymns that were submitted by our congregation.

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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.)

Leadership

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Pastor

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Session

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Fleetwood Fleming	Pam Bailey	Rachel Coffey
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Joe Mueller	Greg Dowling	BarBee Geiger
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Earle Pickens	Margaret Lingg	Coleen O'Brien
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Sarah Whitfield	Steve Walker	

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O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

*Refrain*

u-ni-verse dis-played:
 feel the gen-tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 take a-way my sin:
 God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

TEXT: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Spanish trans. Arturo W. Hotton Rives, alt.; Korean trans. anon.
 MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1949
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HOW GREAT THOU ART
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

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ADORATION

641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1972, alt.
 MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904, alt.
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ENGELBERG
 10.10.10.4
 (this tune in a lower key, 485)

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 67 (NRSV)

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah* ²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah* ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. ⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 15:1-21 (NRSV)

¹Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. ³So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. ⁴When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

⁶The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. ⁷After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. ⁸And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; ⁹and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. ¹⁰Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will." ¹²The whole assembly kept silence, and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the Gentiles. ¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, "My brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the Gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. ¹⁵This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written, ¹⁶'After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it, and I will set it up, ¹⁷so that all other peoples may seek the Lord — even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things ¹⁸known from long ago.' ¹⁹Therefore I have reached the decision that we should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God, ²⁰but we should write to them to abstain only from things polluted by idols and from fornication and from whatever has been strangled and from blood. ²¹For in every city, for generations past, Moses has had those who proclaim him, for he has been read aloud every sabbath in the synagogues."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

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.

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, August 28 for Back to LOGOS Night from 3:30 to 6:45 p.m. Contact Bev Vloedman to RSVP for dinner at 6 p.m.

LOGOS Family Meeting: For more information about LOGOS and for volunteer training, gather in Room 201 today, August 25, following worship for lunch, details, and answers to your questions.

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 John & Nancy Carswell and Jane Morris for providing 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.

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.

August 25	James 4	Tim Schubert
September 1	James 5	Bob Bailey


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.

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