
First Presbyterian Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 9, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVITATION TO REST



***OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

***GATHERING HYMN #43....."On Eagle's Wings"**

KYRIE

(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)

Gracious, inviting God,
you continually provide us with opportunities
to practice generous hospitality.

But our fear of difference,
reluctance to share,
and desire to be in control
make our welcome appear weak and insincere.

Because we long for what is familiar and comfortable,
we have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest
who bears the face of Christ.

Worn out and irritated by the work we think we must do,
we miss opportunities to receive the gifts that such guests
offer us.

Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things.
Show us how to do what is right.

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD’S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

The Psalmist declares that those who speak the truth from their heart will abide in God’s sanctuary.

God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud and in the silence of our hearts.

Now let the wonderful gift of God’s forgiveness flow through you.

May the abundance of God’s mercy and grace set you free to serve God with love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN #701.....”Sanctuary” x2

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you! And Also, with you!

Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING..... Isaiah 41:1-10 (pg 742)

SECOND READING.....1 Thessalonians 5:5-11 (pg 218)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING..... Acts 11:21-26 (pg 136)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ

**SERMON *Creating Space for: Encouragement* Ruth Sanders
“Be a Barnabas”**

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #727.....”The Servant Song”
vs. 1-5**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

***BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #634.....”To God Be the Glory”**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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Calendar for this week:

Sunday, October 9, 2022

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... Ruth Sanders

Ushers & Greeters..... Mario & Jill Schisano

Organist..... George French

Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Sandy Perkins

Wednesday, October 12

6 pm Bell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13

1 pm Book Study

Next Sunday, October 16

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... Rev. Greg Isaacson

Ushers & Greeters..... Wayne & Lori Folkers

Organist..... George French

Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Ralph Pester