

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
November 14, 2021, 10:30 a.m.  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 28

*Facemasks are optional for those  
who have been fully vaccinated, but  
you are always welcome to wear your mask  
and you will always be respected.  
Social distancing is still maintained.*

**Prelude:** To God Be the Glory

- Leon F. Brown, 1962

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\* Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

**Choral Introit:** To God Be the Glory

**Call to Worship**

One: Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

All: **Because we keep the Lord ever before us,  
we shall not be moved.**

One: Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad!  
Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

All: **For God does not give us up to death, but shows us  
the path of life. Praise the Lord!**

**Prayer of the Day** (*unison*)

Holy God,  
creator of all that is and is to come,  
you made the world and called it good.  
We thank you and praise you.  
Keep us watchful for Christ's coming, enliven our hope,  
and support us through the coming of your new creation,  
that we may welcome you with songs of praise. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Lead On, O King Eternal"

No. 447

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

\* **Invitation to Confession**

Since we have a great high priest, Jesus Christ,  
let us approach the throne of grace in  
full assurance of faith,  
for God has promised to be merciful.

\* **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**God of grace,  
all around us are wars, and rumors of wars,  
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world.  
We follow after false leaders  
and grasp for whatever security we can find.  
Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget  
that all of life is in your hands.  
Renew our hope, increase our courage,  
and keep us watchful for the signs  
of your just and peaceful reign that is to come;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* **Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\* **Assurance of Pardon**

People of God,  
Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all,  
forgives and saves.  
Therefore, be reconciled to one another,  
holding fast to the confession of our hope,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\* **Gloria Patri** (*unison*)

**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, amen.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life.  
Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we might hear what you would say to us today. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** 1 Samuel 2:1-10

P.P 245-245- in the Old Testament

Hannah prayed and said,  
“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.  
“There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full have hired themselves out for  
bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s,  
and on them he has set the world.  
“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.  
The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.

**Piano Anthem:** Dedication

-Deems Taylor

*Played by C.F. Schneider*

**Second Scripture Reading:** Hebrews 10:11-25

P. 224- in the New Testament

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,  
“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”  
he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”  
Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.  
Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts  
sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Sermon:** How Shall We Then Live?

Rev. Jim DeMent

Hebrews 10:14: For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

*Silence and stillness*

\* **Congregational Hymn:** “Baptized in Water”

No. 492

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

**PRESENTATION**

One: There is one body and one Spirit  
just as you were called  
to the one hope of your calling,

**All: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.**

\* **PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES’ CREED)**

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; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE BAPTISM OF VANCE WELDER AIMONE**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING**

**WELCOME** (*unison*)

With joy and thanksgiving  
we welcome you into Christ’s church,  
the body of Christ,  
to share with us in his ministry,  
for we are all one in Christ. Alleluia! Amen!

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee

*John Bacchus Dykes, 1866*

\* **Doxology** (*unison*)

\* **Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done?  
You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self.  
Take our offerings—and our very selves—that your will may be done  
in our church, in our community,  
and throughout your wide and beautiful world.  
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

\* **Closing Hymn:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No.276

\* **Charge**

\* **Benediction**

**Choral Benediction:** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel, 1992

**Postlude:** “What a Fellowship”



-Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

**Lead On, O King Eternal**

Lead on, O King eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents will be our home:  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal:  
We follow, not with fears;  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears;  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;  
We journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

Lead on, O King eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords' loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy  
The heavenly kingdom comes.

### Baptized in Water

Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation,  
Trusting his promise,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
One with his rising,  
Freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

#### Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit,  
We are God's children,  
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Kathryn Amsler

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McCameron

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### FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

**Sunday, November 21**  
10:30 AM Worship Service

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### FPC Victoria Servant Leadership Session Members

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Lynn McAuley, Presbyterian Women  
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### Pastor's Notes

For millennia, the Jews practiced animal sacrifices on fiery altars seeking forgiveness for their sins. Detailed instructions for the conduct of such sacrifices and the type of sacrifice required for each level of sin are meticulously recorded in Leviticus. It is a radical declaration by the unknown author of Hebrews, therefore, when he says, "And every priest stands day after day at his service offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins." In the face of such futility, Jesus was sent by a loving God to redeem his people.

The good news Christ brings is that he is now our "great priest" interceding on our behalf before God for the forgiveness of our sins. In our Scripture passage from Hebrews this morning, we read, "But when Christ had offered for all time a *single* sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God . . ." No more do we depend on human intervention for the forgiveness of our sins; no more is the quality of the forgiveness we receive dependent on the quality (and expense) of a burnt offering. By his single sacrifice of himself on the Cross, Christ has performed the single act which assures our salvation.

Shall we accept this selfless, life-bearing gift? How shall we live our lives if we do?

### Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor  
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