

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
July, 24 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- Johann Sebastian Bach

**Prelude:** O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

**Call to Worship**

One: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

All: The Lord will speak peace to the faithful,  
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

One: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,  
All: and God's glory will dwell in our land.

**Prayer of the Day (unison)**

Holy God,  
you are our generous parent,  
our patient teacher,  
our constant friend.  
We live by the hope of your promises,  
seek to follow your way,  
and rely on the gift of your Spirit,  
by whose power we breathe, and move, and pray. Amen.

\***Opening Hymn:** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**\*Invitation to Confession**

Let us turn to the most Holy One and confess our sin,  
confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

No. 420

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

P. P. 543-544 in the Old Testament

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

Holy One, although we come to church on Sundays,  
we too often live the rest of the week as though you don't exist.  
We act as though we created ourselves,  
with no connection to you,  
with no hope of transcendence.

Open us to your constant presence, O Lord.  
Teach us to pray, and restore our sight,  
that we may commune with you each day  
in the light of eternity. Amen.

**\*Kyrie Eleison**

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

When we were buried with Christ in baptism,  
we were also raised with him through faith in the  
power of God.  
By that power we are made clean and set free  
to live in gratitude and love with zeal.

Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**\*Gloria Patri**

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 of Illumination**

God of Love and Justice,  
we are grateful for the Scriptures.  
By your Holy Spirit, speak to us through your Word,  
that we may know the love and grace of Jesus Christ,  
your living Word made flesh among us.

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 85

LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.  
You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.  
Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us.  
Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?  
Will you not revive us again,  
so that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him  
in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those  
who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him  
and will make a path for his steps.

-Jay Althouse, 1991

**Anthem:** More Like You, Loved

*Solo by Robert Wyatt*

**Second Scripture Reading:** Colossians 2:6-15

P. P. 200-201 in the New Testament

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up  
in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human  
tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him  
the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every  
ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of  
the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were  
also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you  
were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him,  
when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.  
He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public  
example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals,  
new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ.  
Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory  
visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from  
whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth  
that is from God.

*Silence and stillness*

**Sermon:** The Enemies of Faith

Colossians 2:8: Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

*Silence and stillness*

**\*Congregational Hymn:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

No. 403

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

-*Frederick Charles Maker, 1887*

**\*Doxology (unison)**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

Holy One, we give you thanks for your steadfast love  
and faithfulness.

Bless these offerings and transform them into gifts  
of hospitality, healing, comfort, and hope  
for those who need them most. Amen.

**\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

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.

*The Apostles' Creed*

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

No. 298

**Charge**

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Christian, Dost Thou See Them on the Holy Ground

-*Lloyd A. Pfautsch, 1921*

Rev. Jim DeMent

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Verse 1

Verse 2

Verse 3

Verse 4

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces,  
Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not them or Thee!  
That we fail not them or Thee!

## Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

Gloria Aoueille	Bette Austin	Nathan Galvan (Son of Leila Galvan)	Fred and Bessie Hobbs (Grandparents of Keimryn Lee)
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**For caregiving concerns—please contact:  
Lynn McAuley (979.248.6238); or Gayla Whitaker (361. 935.0950)**

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's Word;  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.

## FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

### Tuesday, July 26

3:00 PM Presbyterian Day School Registration

### Wednesday, July 26

3:30 PM Presbyterian Day School Registration

### Sunday, July 31

10:30 AM Worship Service

## FPC Victoria Servant Leadership Session Members

Jim DeMent, Moderator  
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### Other

Lynn McAuley, Presbyterian Women  
Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School  
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## Pastor's Notes

Sometime between 1560 and 1569, the Flemish artist, Maerten de Vos (1532 – 1603), painted the work which appears on our Bulletin cover, “Allegory of the Four Enemies of Faith.” For de Vos and those of his era, the enemies of faith could be numbered and named: death (on the left, aiming an arrow); schism or heresy (in the left foreground, arguing from a book and deceptively hiding a skull and snake behind her back); the World (in the right foreground, lustily holding wine and material treasure); and Satan (on the right, brandishing a torch signifying violence, murder, and cruelty). Confidently, with Bible in hand, Faith sits in the center, resisting all her enemies and watched over by angels.

In our modern culture, it seems as if the enemies of our faith cannot be numbered and are incapable of any adequate description in words or art. Nevertheless, Paul tells the Colossians (and us!) not to despair. Despite countless enemies, our faith in Jesus Christ cannot be vanquished by the forces of the world, visible or invisible. Paul reminds us that nothing can take us captive from our faith, and no “empty deceit” can draw us away from the “whole fullness of deity” that dwells bodily in Christ. Certainly, we must try to identify and struggle to resist the enemies of our faith, but when, by God’s grace, we do, we are promised that nothing, not even the gates of hell, shall prevail against our faith in Christ which sustains us.

## Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor  
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## Office Hours

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