

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



## Grandparents Day

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
September 11 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
National Grandparents Day

**Prelude:** God Be Praised

-Lee Rogers, 1934

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Moment for Mission**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

**Call to Worship**

One: Let us bow before our Creator,  
whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,  
whose Word has the power to create, to judge,  
and to save.

All: **Come, let us worship God.**

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

Gracious God,  
when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day,  
you are Lord;  
and when chaos threatens to overwhelm  
and we dread the next news cycle—  
still, you are Lord.

Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining.  
Speak then your mercy into this place  
until we discover the courage to  
open our eyes,  
unclench our hands,  
and move toward our neighbor in need,  
until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace;  
for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray. **Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 482

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

Sisters and brothers,  
there is joy in the presence of the angels of God  
every time we turn toward our home and  
remember whose we are.  
With open hearts, let us pray for forgiveness.

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

**Creator of the universe,  
we imagine that we are in familiar territory,  
that we know what to expect of this hour,  
that we will leave much the way that we came.  
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.  
In judgment, illumine our darkness.  
In mercy, bear us home—  
until we recognize your presence wherever  
evil is confronted,  
truth is spoken,  
and life is restored.**

**\*Kyrie Eleison**

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope:  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning.  
Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

*No. 579*

**Prayer of Illumination**

Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit  
show us the truth that you desire  
and teach us wisdom in our hearts.  
Let us hear with joy and gladness  
the Word that you speak today;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 100

P. 490 in the Old Testament

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.  
Serve the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.  
Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him; bless his name.  
For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Organ Anthem:** Let All Things Now Living, Great and Small

*-Welsh and English Medley*

**Second Scripture Reading:** Luke 18:15-17

P. 81 in the New Testament

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

**Sermon:** God Bless All the Grandparents

Rev. Jim DeMent

Luke 18:16: "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."

*Silence and stillness*

**\*Congregational Hymn:** "Jesus Loves Me"

*No. 304*

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** Fairest Lord Jesus

*-Silesian Folk Melody*

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

*No. 592*

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

Holy One,  
receive these offerings as you receive our lives.  
Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts,  
our generosity and our reluctance.  
Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known  
that our lives might show forth your glory.  
For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*From A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us in the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** "This Is My Father's World"

*No. 293*

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** (*unison*)

*-Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880/William G Tomer, 1880*

God be with you until we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you 'till we meet again

'Till we meet, 'till we meet  
'Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
'Till we meet, till we meet  
God be with you 'till we meet again.

**Postlude:** Sursum Coda

*-George Lomas, 1876*



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Verse 1  
Verse 2

Verse 3  
Verse 4

**Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty**

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.

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.

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er  
All things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires e're have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

**Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
They are weak, but he is strong.

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
As he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to me."

**Refrain:**

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**This Is My Father' World**

This is my Father's world,  
 And to my listening ears  
 All nature sings, and round me rings  
 The music of the spheres.  
 This is my Father's world:  
 I rest me in the thought  
 Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
 His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:  
 O let me ne'er forget  
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
 God is the Ruler yet.  
 This is my Father's world:  
 The battle is not done;  
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
 And earth and heaven be one.



**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY**

During a White House Conference on Aging in 1961, Jacob Reingold (1916-1999), a leader in caring for the aged, was inspired by a speech concerning the “new image of the aged” which focused on recognizing the role of millions of older Americans who are grandparents. That same year, in the retirement center in which he served as an officer (Hebrew Home), Mr. Reingold instituted a day specifically honoring grandparents. By 1963, the celebration became an official holiday in the borough of the Bronx, New York.

Marian McQuade (1917-2008) was an advocate for the elderly in West Virginia, and it was through her efforts that Grandparents Day was officially recognized in her home state in 1973.

The work of Mr. Reingold, Ms. McQuade, and others culminated in 1978 when the U.S. Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as “National Grandparents Day.” President Jimmy Carter signed the presidential proclamation which began the observance of this special day of recognition and celebration for grandparents and those who have the heart of a grandparent.

**Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests**

Gloria Aouelle	Bette Austin	Kay Edwards	Nathan Galvan (Son of Leila Galvan)
Billy Leske	Kathleen McCameron	Linda Patterson	Tommy Peebles (Cousin of Robert Wyatt)
Maria Pezeski (Mother of Leila Galvan)	Mikey Ruddock	Bob & Gayla Whitaker	Carol Wisdom (Daughter of Lea Lenz)

For caregiving concerns—please contact:  
 Lynn McAuley (979.248.6238); or Gayla Whitaker (361. 935.0950)

**FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service**

**Monday, September 12**

2:00 PM Mary & Martha Circle  
 6:00 PM Session Meeting

**Friday, September 16**

10:0 AM One Great Hour of Caring  
 Church cleaning

**Sunday, September 18**

9:30 AM “We Are Called”  
 Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class  
 10:30 AM Worship Service

**FPC Victoria Servant Leadership  
 Session Members**

Jim DeMent, Moderator  
 Francis Byrne, Mission & Outreach  
 John Horadam, Buildings & Grounds  
 Lynn McAuley, Asst. Clerk, Caregiving & Fellowship  
 Dawn Neel, Finance, Assistant Treasurer, Worship  
 Patrick Patterson, Buildings and Grounds  
 Becky Richter, Christian Education, Personnel  
 Suzanne Salinas, Mission & Outreach, Worship  
 Gayla Whitaker, Caregiving & Fellowship  
 Bonnie Wilkinson, Clerk of Session, Personnel

**Other**

Lynn McAuley, Presbyterian Women  
 Melissa Samudio, Presbyterian Day School  
 Jim Stokes, Treasurer  
 Henry Hauschild, Historian

**Pastor's Notes**

Of all the Bulletin covers your pastor has chosen these past several years, I have to say that this one-- the one I have picked for National Grandparents Day-- has to be among my favorites.

The picture of a grandfather (“Granddad”) going for a walk with his granddaughter (“Princess”) needs no title, and no pastor’s notes can adequately capture the sincerity of this precious scene. Princess is headed down the road, without a care in the world. She is holding Granddad’s hand, and that is all she needs to feel secure.

The road that Granddad and Princess are on is long, and I am willing to bet that if they go much further, Princess will need to be carried-- perhaps Granddad will lift her up on his shoulders. We all need to be carried down the road of life from time to time, do we not? All of us need a grandparent, a favorite aunt, a caring adult, a loving friend, to carry us when we are tired, sick, worn out, discouraged, or just plain cranky. When we surrender and let someone carry us when we are unable to walk by ourselves, we come to know, in a much deeper sense, what it is like to give our hand to Jesus and go down the road with him in love.

**Clergy, Music, and Administration**

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor  
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**Office Hours**

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