

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
October 16 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude:** In Thee, O Lord

*-Franz Joseph Haydn, 1564-1612*

**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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

All: **Let us worship God!**

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

Eternal God,  
you remain constant through all of our striving,  
and patient with our ceaseless prayers.  
We seek your wisdom,  
yearn for your justice,  
and crave your blessing,  
for our own sakes and for the sake of the world.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of Christ, who prays with us. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** "God of The Ages"

*No. 262*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully,  
we fall short of what God intends for us.  
Because God has already promised to be merciful,  
we dare to tell the truth about our lives.  
In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

God of grace,  
For our failure to love others as you have loved us,  
**forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,  
**forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope,  
**forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you,  
**forgive us . . . .**

*[silent prayer]*

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us,  
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*Kyrie Eleison**

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Grace flows like a river;  
mercy like a never-ending stream.

Believe in God, Friends!

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

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

**Prayer of Illumination**

Speak to us,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and equip us to be messengers  
of your life-altering,  
world-changing,  
blessing-filled Word.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*No. 579*

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 5

P. P. 490-491 in the Old Testament

Listen to my words, O LORD;  
attend to my sighing.

Listen to the sound of my cry,  
my King and my God,  
for to you I pray.

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;  
in the morning I plead my case to you and watch.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
evil will not sojourn with you.

The boastful will not stand before your eyes;  
you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies;  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
will enter your house;

I will bow down toward your holy temple  
in awe of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness  
because of my enemies;

make your way straight before me.

For there is no truth in their mouths;  
their hearts are destruction;

their throats are open graves;  
they flatter with their tongues.

Make them bear their guilt, O God;  
let them fall by their own counsels;

because of their many transgressions, cast them out,  
for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,  
so that those who love your name may exult in you.

For you bless the righteous, O LORD;  
you cover them with favor as with a shield.

**Organ Anthem:** Hear My Prayer

*-Will James, 1933*

**Second Scripture Reading:** John 17:6-12

P. 111 in the New Testament

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

**Moment for Mission:** Perpetual Help Home

Leesa Morales

Psalm 5:11: But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy.

Spread your protection over them,  
so that those who love your name may exult in you.

**\*Congregational Hymn:** “Be Thou My Vision”

*No. 339*

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** Hear My Words, O Gracious Lord

*-“The Parish Choir”, 1850*

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

*No. 592*

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

Eternal God,  
may these gifts be signs of your grace,  
and may our lives show forth the coming kingdom,  
that when Christ comes again he will find faith on earth. Amen.

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

*The 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.

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

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*No. 343*

**\*Dismissal**

**\*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:** Salvation

*-1816 Kentucky Harmony*

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Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

**God of The Ages**

God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy Throne arise.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;  
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

**Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

**Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

Called as partners in Christ's service,  
 Called to ministries of grace,  
 We respond with deep commitment  
 Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 May we learn the art of sharing,  
 Side by side and friend with friend,  
 Equal partners in our caring  
 To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
 Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 Let us follow, never faltering,  
 Reconciling folk on earth.  
 Men and women, richer, poorer,  
 All God's people, young and old,  
 Blending human skills together  
 Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
 In a small or global sense,  
 Help us bear each other's burdens,  
 Breaking down each wall or fence.  
 Words of comfort, words of vision,  
 Words of challenge, said with care,  
 Bring new power and strength for action,  
 Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow  
 Ways to order human life  
 That surround each person's sorrow  
 With a calm that conquers strife.  
 Make us partners in our living,  
 Our compassion to increase,  
 Messengers of faith, thus giving  
 Hope and confidence and peace.



**Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests**

Gloria Aouelle

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 (Son of Leila Galvan)

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**FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service**

**Wednesday, October 19**

10:00 AM Bible Study with Jim Stokes

**Friday, October 21**

10:00 AM One Hour of Fellowship

**Sunday, October 23**

9:30 AM "The Protestant Reformations"

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  
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 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**

This morning we welcome Leesa Morales, from Perpetual Help Home, to provide us with a Moment for Mission.

It is wonderful that Ms. Morales is with us today, because for the month of November our Presbyterian Women have selected Perpetual Help Home as the ministry to which they will provide needed supplies to support the amazing work of this organization.

As noted on their website (<http://www.perpetualhelphome.org>), Perpetual Help Home is a Christian-based restorative justice organization assisting women in breaking the cycle of incarceration, homelessness, and abuse through making life changes, regardless of race, color, or creed. Their mission is to help women become productive members of society with transitional support, new life-skills training, and permanent supportive housing.

Please give Ms. Morales a warm FPC greeting of Christian hospitality as we listen to her this morning and learn more about the important ministry of healing and rehabilitation done by Perpetual Help Home.

**Clergy, Music, and Administration**

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor  
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