

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
October 23 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude:** Devotion

*-Carl Wilhem Kern, 1943*

**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: I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Living God.

All: **This is the day we rejoice in God's act of creation.**

One: We give thanks that once more God has brought us together.

All: **Praise be to God for this day!**

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

Gracious God,  
Teach us to walk gently in your path of love,  
seeking justice, making peace, cherishing the earth and one another.  
Enliven our imaginations that  
we can see through present ills to future newness.  
Embolden us with your love,  
that we may live now as if the new had already come.  
In joy we offer our praise to you. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*No. 464*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

Trusting in the love and goodness of God, let us confess our sin.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

Merciful God, in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves,  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.  
The profit and pleasure we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies we harbor set  
neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.  
Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world,  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Kyrie Eleison**

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Friends, believe the gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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

**Prayer of Illumination**

Startle us, O God, with your truth,  
and open our minds to your Spirit,  
that we may be one with Christ our Lord,  
and serve as faithful disciples,  
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*No. 579*

**First Scripture Reading:** Psalm 121

P. 571 in the Old Testament

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.  
The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

**Organ Anthem:** Open Our Eyes

*-Will C. Macfarlane, 1928*

**Second Scripture Reading:** Luke 18:1-8

P. 81 in the New Testament

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**Sermon:** "Till Kingdom Come"

Rev. Bette Burris

*Silence and stillness*

**\*Congregational Hymn:** “O For a World”

*No.386*

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*-Albert Lister Peace, 1884*

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

*No. 592*

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

God of generous providing,  
You have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives.  
We belong to you, and all that we have belongs to you.  
Use these offerings, we pray  
in service of the justice you are establishing  
through your kingdom in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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:** “Live Into Hope”

*No. 332*

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

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

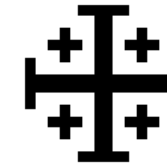
*-Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880/William G Tomer, 1880*

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:** Liebster Jesu

*-Johan Rudolph Able, 1664*



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Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory , Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill is with the light of day.

Mortals, join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o’er us,  
Joining all in heaven’s plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

**O For a World**

O for a world where everyone  
Respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done  
With justice and with praise.

We welcome one world family  
And struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity  
And gives our vision voice.

O for a world where goods are shared  
And misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared,  
Equality achieved.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,  
The foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong,  
Who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more,  
And all but love will cease

**Live Into Hope**

Live into hope of captives freed,  
Of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
The year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope of liberty,  
The right to speak, the right to be,  
The right to have one's daily bread,  
To hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hop the blind shall see,  
With insight and with clarity,  
Removing shades of pride and fear  
A vision of God brought near.

Live into hope of captives freed  
From chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
To faith and hope and joy 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**

**Tuesday October 25**

1:00 PM Book club meeting

**Wednesday, October 26**

10:00 AM Bible Study with Jim Stokes

**Friday, October 28**

10:00 AM One Great Hour of “Caring”

**Sunday, October 30**

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  
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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**

**Clergy, Music, and Administration**

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor  
Robert Wyatt, Organist/Choirmaster  
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