



The First Presbyterian Church

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The Celebration of Worship Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 8, 2018

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.



All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King. Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense. Then the kings assembled, they came on together. As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight; trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory. Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments. Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

Psalm 48

PRELUDE Amazing Grace
Paula Legge, organ *Don Hustad*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 838 Standing on the Promises PROMISES

*PRAYER OF ADORATION Bill McCoy

*RESPONSE 613 O Lord, Our Lord HOW MAJESTIC

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ginna Taylor

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall
be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Mary Jean Davis

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 450 Be Thou My Vision SLANE

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Ginna Taylor

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 on 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.

*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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill McCoy

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Douglas Wagner

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ginna Taylor

Caring God, we offer ourselves with our gifts of money, time, and abilities, that we may participate with Christ in Your ongoing mission, establishing upon earth Your realm of righteousness and peace among all people everywhere. In Christ's name, we dedicate our tithes and offerings. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

McDaniel, Gabriel, arr. M. Odin

*What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart.
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought, since Jesus came into my heart.*

*Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart!*

*I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, since Jesus came into my heart.
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, since Jesus came into my heart.*

*There's a light in the valley of death now for me, since Jesus came into my heart.
I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, since Jesus came into my heart.*

*And the gates of the city beyond I can see, since Jesus came into my heart.
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, since Jesus came into my heart.*

The Family Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
EPISTLE LESSON

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Pew Bible, OT, p. 279
2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Pew Bible, NT, p. 185

Ginna Taylor

GOSPEL LESSON	Matthew 13:44-45; Pew Bible, NT, p. 15	Bill McCoy
SERMON	RISK AND REWARD: The Price of Pearls	Bill McCoy
*CONCLUDING HYMN 519	You Are My Strength When I Am Weak	JERNIGAN
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION		Bill McCoy
*HYMN OF PARTING		HYMN 541
<i>God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.</i>		
*POSTLUDE	Praise the Lord Paula Legge, organ	César Franck

We gather to worship,
We scatter to serve,
In the relentless love of Christ.

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In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank Bekah Grishaber and James Odin for serving as acolytes during worship July 1.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

Elder visitation: Bill Mullett, Courtney Persinger, Dave Pitchford

The flowers in the sanctuary today remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger Fund for the glory of God by Jill Johnson and her family in loving memory of Robert "Bob" Johnson who passed away on July 4, 2006.

Greeters today: Patty Bivens, Claude Churchwell, Dwayne and Judy Price

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