



First Presbyterian Church

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The Worship of Our Lord

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost—Proper 21
September 26, 2021

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information for contact tracing and to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter “First Presby Press” and the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following scriptures and reflection are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

*“The work of God is the calling of a people,
whether in the Old Covenant or the New...
That men and women are called together to a new wholeness
is itself the work of God, which gives meaning to history.”*

John Howard Yoder

* indicates congregation standing, as able

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude No. 44 Johann Christoph Bach

WELCOME Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Ginna Taylor

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
All: **Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!**
One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.
All: **The commandments of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.**
One: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
All: **Sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #641 When in Our Music God is Glorified ENGELBERG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor Myers

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is on the law of the LORD, and on this law they meditate day and night.

All: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Let the words of our mouths and
The meditation of our hearts
Be acceptable to you, O Lord,
Our rock and our redeemer.
For you are our rock,
And yet we place our faith in sinking sand.
You are our redeemer,
And yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves.
You are our source of unity,
And yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can.
You are our fount of forgiveness,
And yet we fear that we will be condemned.
Forgive us, O Rock. Forgive us, O Redeemer,
And show us what it means to forgive one another.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news! Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #583 Glory to God

GLORIA

SCRIPTURE LESSON Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 & James 5:13-20

Elder Ginna Taylor

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.
Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM
Worship is also available through a ZOOM link

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers and Elder Ginna Taylor

THE MUSIC TODAY

10:30 a.m.

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell

Sound: David Cottrell and Byron Goodew

Ushers: Barbara Gessner, Sarah Roach

Custodial Services: David Feibelmann

WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every Sunday Sabbath Day, and that is available via the ZOOM platform and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

Please remember to comply with the process for in-person, onsite worship, including masks for all. More information can be found in the Green Sheet.

Johann Christoph Bach was a German composer and organist of the Baroque period. He had a reputation as a composer that was only equaled by his first cousin, once removed, Johann Sebastian Bach. He was organist at Eisenach and later a member of the court chamber orchestra there. Despite his success as a musician, Johann Christoph experienced financial difficulties, which may have resulted in his not having been selected as the guardian of Johann Sebastian when the latter's parents died. Johann Sebastian described him in his Genealogy as "the profound composer," thus hinting at his reputation, not just within the family, but within society. Johann Christoph's **Chorale Prelude No. 44** was written for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost and is the last in a set of chorale preludes written for specific days in the liturgical year. **Praeludium in E flat Major** is the opening section of a Prelude and Fugue. While the elder Bach wrote very few works in this style, they had a clear influence on Johann Sebastian's works of the same type.

Born in Masevaux, France in 1818, **Jacques-Louis Battmann** was an organist and composer of organ and piano music. His **Morceau No. 39** comes from a collection of 72 Morceaux – short pieces in each major and minor key.

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