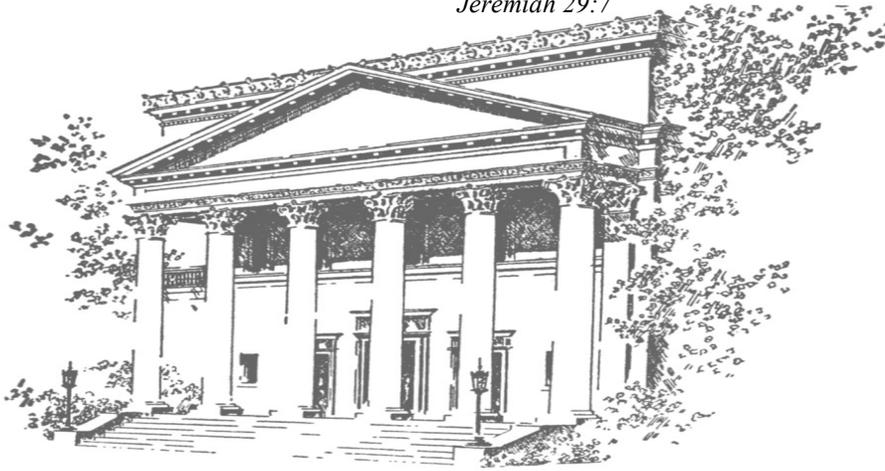


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:30 AM

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 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

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

When we see social relationships controlled everywhere by the principles which Jesus illustrated in his life—trust, love, mercy, and altruism—then we shall know that the kingdom of God is here. To say what this society will be like in exact detail is quite hard for us to picture, for it runs so counter to the practices of our present social life. But we can rest assured that it will be a society governed by the law of love.

*The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
"The Christian Pertinence of Eschatological Hope"*

* indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Prelude in F Major Alexandre Guilmant
WELCOME Pastor Myers
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dina Mohler
One: Praise the Lord, all the earth! Let creation praise the Lord!
All: Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise the Lord in the heights!
One: Praise the name of the Lord! Let all people praise the Lord!
All: People near and people far, people present and people to come, the young and those wise with age.
Let all people praise the Lord!
One: Come, let us praise the Lord!
All: Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show LLANFAIR

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor Myers

One: Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility. We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken.

All: In faith and with the confidence of God's beloved children, let us confess our sin together.

Holy God,

You command us to love one another,
Yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.

You command us to care for all of creation,
Yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through our carelessness.

You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus,
Yet too often we walk in our won way.

Forgive us, O God.

Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth.

Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community,
As we share your love with your people everywhere.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Believe in the good news: Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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 #587

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

NT page 130

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Loving Spirit

Shirley Erena Murray

*Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be, you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.
Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own, feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.
Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye, hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.
Friend and lover, in your closeness I am known and held and blessed: in your promise is my comfort, in your presence I may rest.
Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be, you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:31-35

NT page 108

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

William Robert "Beau" Calvert

*Kasey & Will Calvert (parents), Charlotte Ellen Calvert (sister), Robert & Barbara Joseph (grandparents) &
Carl & Kathy Calvert (grandparents)*

SONG OF JOY

One: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

All: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

One: Keep me,

All: Keep me,

One: Hide me,

All: Hide me. Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

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 11AM on WCHS-580AM
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
A nursery is provided for children from birth to 3 years old.
It is located through the door in the front right of the sanctuary straight down the hall on the left.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
Dina Mohler

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist
The Sanctuary Choir

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell
Greeters: Sandy & Dave Campbell
Janet & Doug Chambers

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell
Custodial Services: David Feibelmann

WORSHIP NOTES

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

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