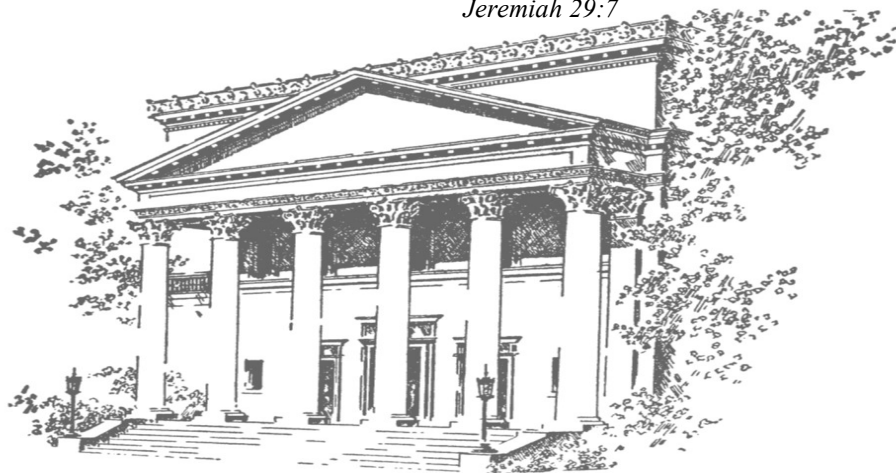


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023
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 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

Semicontinuous
Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123

Complementary
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8 (9-11), 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-20

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us onto the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

Katherine K. Davis, 1939

* indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE	Morceau No. 53	J.L. Battmann
INTROIT	God Is Here	Cyril Vincent Taylor, Fred Pratt Green
WELCOME		Pastor Myers
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margie Myers

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

All: **Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

All: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Macy

One: As children of God, we come to God in our joys, in our sorrows, in our fears, and in our guilt.

All: **Knowing that God loves us and embraces us, let us bring our confessions to God.**

God of abundance,

You have given us so many gifts.

You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge,

And yet we hide them under a bushel.

We hoard these gifts, instead of following you

And sharing with those in need.

We have been poor stewards of all you have given.

Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given.

That it might be returned in service to you.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Macy

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever. Thanks be to God.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

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.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Macy

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 90:1-12 (OT p. 547)

Margie Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Fanfare Prelude on "Aurelia"

Douglas E. Wagner

First Presby Handbells

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:14-20 (NT p. 28)

Pastor Myers

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.)

SERMON

“All In!”

Pastor Myers

*HYMN #336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—paraphrased from the Confession of 1967 - PC(USA) Margie Myers
God has created us for personal relations with God that we may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created people and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humanity with capacities to make the world serve human needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use human creativity for the fulfillment of human life.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Macy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Macy

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.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER #306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vss. 2 & 3)

DENNIS

<i>Before our Maker's throne</i>	<i>We share our mutual woes;</i>
<i>We pour our ardent prayers.</i>	<i>Our mutual burdens bear.</i>
<i>Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,</i>	<i>And often for each other flows</i>
<i>Our comforts and our cares.</i>	<i>The sympathizing tear.</i>

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Macy

Offertory	Lento in C minor
*Offering Response #607	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</i>
	<i>Praise Christ, all people here below;</i>
	<i>Praise Holy Spirit evermore;</i>
	<i>Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.</i>

Eugène Gigout
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Macy

*HYMN #643

Now Thank We All Our God

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*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on St. George's, Windsor

arr. Hugo Gehrke

Our worship continues in our service to others.

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
The Rev. Marietta Macy
Margie Myers

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist
The Sanctuary Choir
First Presby Handbells
Kathy Lynch, handbell director

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell
Greeters: The Moses Family
Tammy Hovis
Nancy Martin

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

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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