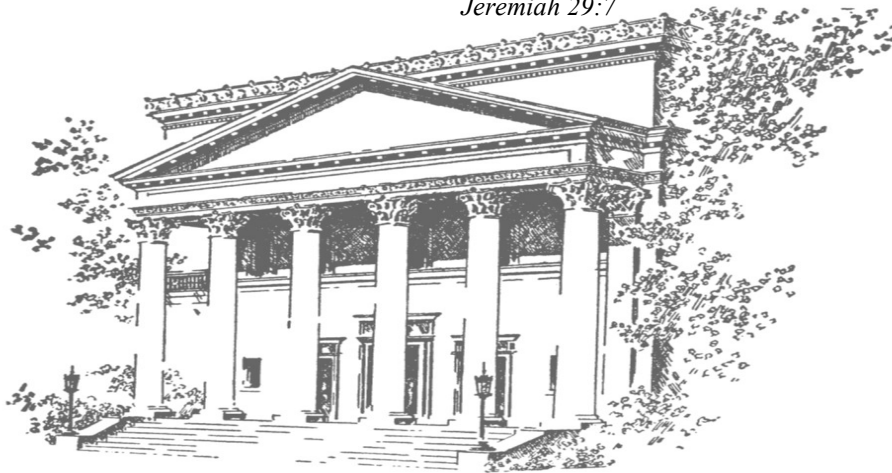


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

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 lectionary readings are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude.

Semicontinuous

1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15) Psalm 138

Complementary

Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

"A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure, permanently, half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved — I do not expect the house to fall — but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing, or all the other."

Abraham Lincoln

* indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chorale: "Ach Gott vom Himmel sieh darein"

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Scherr

One: Grace to you, and peace in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord! Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

All: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations!

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Macy

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

All: In humility and faith, let us confess our sin together.

Gracious God,

our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Macy

One: Beloved, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

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

Genesis 3:8-15 (OT p. 3) & Psalm 130 (OT p. 573)

Karen Scherr

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

arr. Jack Schrader

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free!

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender words I hear.
And resting on his promise, I lose my doubt and fear.
Though on the path he leads me, just one step I may see:
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 3:20-35 (NT p. 37)

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

(No Children's Church until the fall.)

SERMON

"Chaotic Grace for a Chaotic Time"

Pastor Myers

*HYMN #79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Macy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 #286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Macy
Eugène Gigout

Offertory Moderato (from "Tonalité Ecclésiastique")
(Please bring your offering forward during the offertory.)

*Offering Response #607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Pastor Macy

*HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

*POSTLUDE

Sortie (from "École d'Orgue")

Jacques Lemmens

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.

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The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
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Karen Scherr

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist
Lindsay Marchio, soprano

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell
Greeters: Dwayne and Judy Price
Chris Zinn

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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