

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 10 am

*"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness." (Psalms 29:2)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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COME LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN

Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord
Our God our Maker
Come let us worship and bow down
Let us kneel before the Lord
Our God our Maker
For He is our God
And we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand
Just the sheep of His hand.

*"Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down" by Dave Doherty.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

O Lord, our God,
Your dominion is incomparable;
Your glory is incomprehensible;
You are clothed in majesty and splendor,
and Your kingdom has no end.
Your mercy is immeasurable,
Your love for mankind is inexpressible.
You have shown us compassion
and called us into Your presence.
Look upon us and upon this holy house in Your loving-kindness.
Grant to us and to all who pray with us
Your abundant mercy and compassion.
For to You belongs all glory, honor, and worship—
To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Adapted from the first antiphon, The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

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HYMN #376: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown!
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into every troubled breast!
 Let us all in Thee inherit,
 Let us find that second rest;
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
 Let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee;
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(You are invited to join in unison with the pastor, or to follow along in silence)

Almighty and merciful God,
 You created us for Your glory and redeemed us through Christ,
 yet we confess how often we withhold from You the worship You deserve.

We come distracted and half-hearted;
 we honor You with our lips while our hearts are far from You.
 We chase after lesser gods—comfort, control, success, approval—
 and neglect to delight in You, the fountain of living water.
 Forgive us, Lord.

Restore in us a holy reverence and a glad obedience.
By Your Spirit, draw our wandering hearts back to You,
that our worship may be in spirit and in truth,
to the praise of Your glorious grace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. . . .

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

THE GOODNESS OF GOD (Solo, Judy Light)

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: "So I Can Live Among Them"

Exodus 19:1–11

Exactly two months after the Israelites left Egypt, they arrived in the wilderness of Sinai. ² After breaking camp at Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and set up camp there at the base of Mount Sinai.

³ Then Moses climbed the mountain to appear before God. The LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; announce it to the descendants of Israel: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. ⁶ And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.' This is the message you must give to the people of Israel."

⁷ So Moses returned from the mountain and called together the elders of the people and told them everything the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ And all the people responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has commanded." So Moses brought the people's answer back to the LORD.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will come to you in a thick cloud, Moses, so the people themselves can hear me when I speak with you. Then they will always trust you."

Moses told the LORD what the people had said. ¹⁰ Then the LORD told Moses, "Go down and prepare the people for my arrival. Consecrate them today and tomorrow, and have them wash their clothing. ¹¹ Be sure they are ready on the third day, for on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai as all the people watch.

Exodus 25:1–8

The LORD said to Moses, ² "Tell the people of Israel to bring me their sacred offerings. Accept the contributions from all whose hearts are moved to offer them.

³ Here is a list of sacred offerings you may accept from them:

gold, silver, and bronze;

⁴ blue, purple, and scarlet thread;

fine linen and goat hair for cloth;

⁵ tanned ram skins and fine goatskin leather;

acacia wood;

⁶ olive oil for the lamps;
 spices for the anointing oil and the fragrant incense;
⁷ onyx stones, and other gemstones
 to be set in the ephod and the priest's chestpiece.

⁸ "Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them."

Exodus 29:42–46

"These burnt offerings are to be made each day from generation to generation. Offer them in the LORD's presence at the Tabernacle entrance; there I will meet with you and speak with you. ⁴³ I will meet the people of Israel there, in the place made holy by my glorious presence. ⁴⁴ Yes, I will consecrate the Tabernacle and the altar, and I will consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests. ⁴⁵ Then I will live among the people of Israel and be their God, ⁴⁶ and they will know that I am the LORD their God. I am the one who brought them out of the land of Egypt so that I could live among them. I am the LORD their God."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support
 our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #466: O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing
 My dear Redeemer's praise,
 The glories of my God and King,
 The triumphs of God's grace!
 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
 That bids our sorrows cease;
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
 Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
 And sets the prisoner free;
 Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
 Christ's blood availed for me.
 My gracious Master and my God,
 Assist me to proclaim,
 To spread through all the earth abroad
 The honors of Thy name.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Potluck (after the service)
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30) Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
Wednesday, Sept. 17	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Thursday, Sept. 18	Deacons' Meeting (2:00 pm)
Saturday, Sept. 20	Creation Station (11:00–1:00)
Sunday, Sept. 21	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)

Church Financial Update (through August)

Actual Expenses to Date: \$142,414 Giving to Date: \$131,109

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