

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

November 6, 2022 at 10 am

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.
Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW"

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in. [REFRAIN]

Jesus, take this heart of mine,
Make it pure and holy Thine.
On the cross, You died for me;
I will try to live for Thee. [REFRAIN]

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.

**Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name."**

Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

**Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard.**

Based on Psalm 66:1-5, 8

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HYMN #260: "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD" (verses 1-2, 4)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your great Name. Amen.

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

CHOIR: "FOR ALL THE SAINTS"

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: "A Shepherd and a Lion"—Chuck Guth

1 Peter 5:1-14

¹ To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

*“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”*

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

¹² With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. ¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The ceramic jars in the offering plates are designated for the Deacons’ Fund **and** the World Vision Fund. Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need. The World Vision Fund supports a Sponsored Child through World Vision.*

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HYMN #85: “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on.
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

* Please stand if you are able

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,
and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and partake of it in unison.
Our bread is gluten free.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"

Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say:
It is well, It is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Tho' Satan should buffet, Tho' trials should come;
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. [REFRAIN]

My sin—O the bliss of this glorious tho't—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul. [REFRAIN]

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so it is well with my soul. [REFRAIN]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CHURCH CALENDAR: UPCOMING EVENTS

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| November 10: | Session Meeting (7:00 pm) |
| November 15: | Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm) |
| November 17: | Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm) |
| November 20: | Potluck with Korean Congregation (11:00 am) |
| December 3: | Greening of the Church (9:00 am) |
| December 9: | Christmas Tree Lighting and Community Outreach (6:30 pm) |
| December 18: | Christmas Cantata: <i>"By Heaven's Light"</i> (10:00 am) |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Services (5:00 and 10:00 pm) |