

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

August 6, 2023 at 10 am

"Listen closely to my prayer, O LORD; hear my urgent cry." (Psalms 86:6)

*"Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline." (Proverbs 1:7)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #170: "THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT"

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.**

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.**

May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.

Psalm 33:1, 4-5, 20-22

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“SHOUT TO THE LORD”

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength;
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord,
All the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty,
Praise to the King.
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of your name.
I sing for joy
At the work of your hands;
Forever I'll love you,
Forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in you.*

*“Shout to the Lord” by Darlene Zschech.
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HYMN #478: “PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN”

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
 Well our feeble frame He knows;
 In His hands He gently bears us,
 Rescues us from all our foes.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him:
 Ye behold Him face to face;
 Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
 Dwellers all in time and space.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise with us the God of grace.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *“Prayers and Hymns—And Wisdom”*

Proverbs 1:1-7; 2:1-12; 3:1-6

These are the proverbs of Solomon, David’s son, king of Israel.

² Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline,
 to help them understand the insights of the wise.

³ Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives,
 to help them do what is right, just, and fair.

⁴ These proverbs will give insight to the simple,
 knowledge and discernment to the young.

⁵ Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser.
 Let those with understanding receive guidance
⁶ by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables,
 the words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷ Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge,
 but fools despise wisdom and discipline. . . .

¹ My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands.

² Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.

³ Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding.

⁴ Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures.

⁵ Then you will understand what it means to fear the LORD,
 and you will gain knowledge of God.

⁶ For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

⁷ He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest.
 He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.

⁸ He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him.

⁹ Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go.

- ¹⁰ For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy.
- ¹¹ Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.
- ¹² Wisdom will save you from evil people, from those whose words are twisted. . . .
- ¹ My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart.
- ² If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying.
- ³ Never let loyalty and kindness leave you!
Tie them around your neck as a reminder.
Write them deep within your heart.
- ⁴ Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.
- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.
- ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

WE RESPOND 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 Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Our Holy and Loving God:
Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.**

**Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them,
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

**And yet it is so easy
to keep silent about the way we transgress your ways,
to cover up our sins.**

**When we do, the weight of our sin is often heavy upon us;
our strength is sapped as in the heat of summer.**

**And so we come, now, acknowledging our sin,
confessing our transgressions.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Be our hiding place from evil;
protect us from trouble;
surround us with songs of deliverance.
Instruct us and teach us in the way we should go.**

* Please stand if you are able

**With thanksgiving for your compassion and mercy,
Amen.**

Based on Psalm 32:1-8.

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

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.*

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.

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 there 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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HYMN #98: "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED"

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

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| Tuesday, August 8 | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) |
| Thurs, August 10 | Session (7:00 pm) |
| Tuesday, August 15 | Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00) |
| Thurs, August 17 | Deacons (6:00 pm) |