

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

January 7, 2023 at 10 am

*"O my people, trust in him at all times.
Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge." (Psalm 62:8)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #293: *"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"*

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND OUR WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

A new day has dawned, a new year begun.
Some of us enter this year with hope and excitement;
Some of us enter this year with uncertainty and fear.

**O Lord, remind us that you lead us;
remind us that you are the Almighty Creator of the universe;
remind us that in your greatness you are here for us and on our side.**

We give our hopes and fears, our dreams and anxieties to you.
keep us in your ways and on your path.

**O Holy God, guide us as we look to you and worship you—
today and always, Amen.**

CHOIR: *"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"*

* *Please stand if you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

O God, Holy God,
we come to you to confess our sins.

We confess we easily turn the pages in our calendar,
but too slowly turn our hearts to You.

We confess we too often seek fulfillment in other things
rather than in the peace, instruction, and new life you offer.

We confess we would rather chart our own course
than submit to your loving design.

Gracious God, help us to remember that true life is found only in you.

Give us courage to follow the radical path of Jesus in this New Year.

Let us be lights that reflect your love and truth to our friends and neighbors
so that they may know you, and the wonder of a relationship with you.

Let this be the year we seek your glory more than our own.

Thank you that in your son, and through his death
we have forgiveness of our sins, and abiding peace with you.

In Jesus' Name we pray.
Amen.

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

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HYMN #281: "GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH"

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Trusting God in Uncertain Times"*

Psalm 118:1-9; 19-24

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.
- ² Let all Israel repeat:
"His faithful love endures forever."
- ³ Let Aaron's descendants, the priests, repeat:
"His faithful love endures forever."
- ⁴ Let all who fear the LORD repeat:
"His faithful love endures forever."
- ⁵ In my distress I prayed to the LORD,
and the LORD answered me and set me free.
- ⁶ The LORD is for me, so I will have no fear.
What can mere people do to me?
- ⁷ Yes, the LORD is for me; he will help me.
I will look in triumph at those who hate me.
- ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in people.
- ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,
and I will go in and thank the LORD.
- ²⁰ These gates lead to the presence of the LORD,
and the godly enter there.
- ²¹ I thank you for answering my prayer
and giving me victory!
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing,
and it is wonderful to see.
- ²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 62:1, 5-8

- ¹ I wait quietly before God,
for my victory comes from him.
- ⁵ Let all that I am wait quietly before God,
for my hope is in him.
- ⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress where I will not be shaken.

⁷ My victory and honor come from God alone.
He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.

⁸ O my people, trust in him at all times.
Pour out your heart to him,
for God is our refuge.

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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"WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT" (verses 1-2, 4)

Whate'er my God ordains is right
His holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er He does
And follow where He guideth
He is my God though dark my road
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all
And so to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right
He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path
I know He will not leave me
I take content What He has sent
His hand can turn my griefs away
And patiently I wait His day
And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right
Here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow need or death be mine
Yet I am not forsaken
My Father's care is round me there
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all
And so to Him I leave it all.

"Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right"

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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 then partake of it in unison.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Communion

* *Please stand if you are able*

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HYMN #423: "JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN" (verses 1, 2, and 5)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor) Communion (10:00 worship service)
Monday, Jan 7	Stewardship (1:00 pm)
Tuesday, Jan 9	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Thurs, Jan 11	Session (7:00 pm)
Sunday, Jan 14	Sunday Worship (10:00 worship service) Potluck (after the service)