

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 23, 2026 at 10 am

*"You are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
You are eager to turn back from destroying people." (Jonah 4:2)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness;
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake, became poor. *[Refrain]*

I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross;
I'll never know how much it cost,
To see my sin upon that cross. *[Refrain]*

*You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness;
Let us exalt his name together.

Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy;
no shadow of shame will darken their faces.

Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

We will proclaim God's name to our brothers and sisters.
We will praise you, O God, among your assembled people.

All who seek the LORD will praise him.
Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.

The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him.
All the families of the nations will bow down before him.
For royal power belongs to the LORD.
He rules all the nations.

Let's worship the Lord as we praise God with our music,
as we glorify him in our prayers and confession,
and as we learn from him through God's word.

Based on Psalm 34:3, 5, 8 and Psalm 22:22, 26-28.

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HYMN #142: ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

Jonah 1:1–17

The LORD gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai: ² “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.”

³ But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the LORD. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the LORD by sailing to Tarshish.

Jonah 3:1–5

Then the LORD spoke to Jonah a second time: ² “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and deliver the message I have given you.”

³ This time Jonah obeyed the LORD’s command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all. ⁴ On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: “Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!” ⁵ The people of Nineveh believed God’s message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow. . . .

Jonah 3:10–4:3

When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.

This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. ² So he complained to the LORD about it: “Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people. ³ Just kill me now, LORD! I’d rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen.”

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HYMN #298: *THERE’S A WIDENESS IN GOD’S MERCY*

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy,
 Like the wideness of the sea;
 There’s a kindness in God’s justice,
 Which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth’s sorrows
 Are more felt than up in heaven;
 There is no place where earth’s failings
 Have such kindly judgment given.
 For the love of God is broader
 Than the measures of the mind;
 And the heart of the Eternal
 Is most wonderfully kind.
 If our love were but more faithful,
 We would gladly trust God’s word;
 And our lives reflect thanksgiving
 For the goodness of our Lord.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

Sermon: *“The Story of Jonah:
 A Reluctant Prophet and God’s Unrelenting Mercy”*

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

*O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
the saints and angels song.*

When years of time shall pass away and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—the saints and angels song. *[Refrain]*

Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *[Refrain]*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, August 25	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, August 26	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30) Summer Lawn Concert: <i>The Goods</i> (6:30–8:00)
Sunday, August 30	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Sharing Table (before and after the service)

Helping Hands is our deacon's ministry to provide household assistance to members of our congregation (and those who attend our church). If you need assistance, please contact Brian Krohn (360-580-1683). And, if you would like to be part of Helping Hands, talk to Brian as well.

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