

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 10 am

*The eyes of all look to the Lord in hope;
He give them their food as they need it,
he satisfies the hunger and thirst of every living thing. (Based on Psalm 145:15-16).*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HE HAS MADE ME GLAD

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

*He has made me glad; He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad;
He has made me glad; He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.*

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
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*"He Has Made Me Glad" by Leona Von Brethorst.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Let's worship our great and loving God,
 creator of all that is,
 and provider of all we need.

Psalm 95:1-7.

CHOIR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

O God, we know that we forget about you.

We forget who you are:
 the great and eternal, all powerful creator of all,
 the God of love and grace and mercy and peace.

We forget to thank you for all your provisions, your care for us,
 the gift of Jesus as Savior and Lord.

We forget to love you,
 we forget to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord.

(Please use the next few moments of silence for private confession)

Grant us clear minds to know you,
 new hearts to love you,
 strong hands to serve you.

Help us to live this day, this week, and always,
 so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.

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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.

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Giving Thanks for God's Provision"*

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
 I have all that I need.

² He lets me rest in green meadows;
 he leads me beside peaceful streams.

³ He renews my strength.

He guides me along right paths,
 bringing honor to his name.

⁴ Even when I walk
 through the darkest valley,

I will not be afraid,
 for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff
 protect and comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a feast for me
 in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
 My cup overflows with blessings.

⁶ Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
 all the days of my life,

and I will live in the house of the LORD
 forever.

Luke 12:24–26

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

²⁷ "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 7:7–11

Jesus said: “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

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

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory—forever.

Amen.

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HYMN #263: IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

- TODAY Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
 Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
 Nominating Committee (after the service, in the parlor)
 Being God's Family: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
 Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
 Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Wednesday, Nov. 20 Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
 Soup and Study: *From Manuscripts to Translations*
 Coffee and Study (1:00 pm)
 Soup and Study (6:00 pm)
- Thursday, Nov. 21 Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Sunday, Nov. 24 Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
 Joint Three-Church Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
 Potluck (after the service)
- LOOKING AHEAD December 1: First Sunday of Advent
 December 7: Greening (or finish greening) of the Sanctuary
 Christmas Open House and Tree Lighting

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