

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

October 30, 2022 at 10 am

*"They do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires,  
but rather for the will of God." (1 Peter 4:2)*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### **"THY WORD"**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path;  
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And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end. [REFRAIN]

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end, [REFRAIN]

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

### **CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

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Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

All your works praise you, Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.

**They make known the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

*Based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21.*

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**"BEHOLD OUR GOD"**

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Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;  
All creation rises to rejoice:

*Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? [REFRAIN]

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal humbled to the grave;  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign. [REFRAIN]

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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Eternal God, in every age:  
you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.  
Forgive our indifference to your will.

You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent.  
You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful.  
Have mercy on us, your faithless servants.

Keep before us faithful people for us to follow  
so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

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

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**HYMN #442: "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"**

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The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word.  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
This world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
May live eternally.

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## THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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Sermon: *"Living for the Will of God"*—Chuck Guth

### 1 Peter 4:1–19

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. <sup>2</sup> As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. <sup>3</sup> For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. <sup>4</sup> They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. <sup>5</sup> But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup> For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. <sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup> If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And,

*"If it is hard for the righteous to be saved,  
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"*

<sup>19</sup> So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

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### **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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### **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.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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#### **HYMN #526: "FOR ALL THE SAINTS"**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

\* *Please stand if you are able*

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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