

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

October 9, 2022 at 10 am

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us." (1 Peter 2:12)

PRELUDE

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"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

Rejoice in the Lord always
Again I say rejoice
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Again I say rejoice
Rejoice rejoice
Again I say rejoice
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Again I say rejoice.

[REPEAT ONCE]

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.

The Lord of hosts is with us.

Let us lift up our hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is a good and joyful thing to give God thanks and praise!

Let's pray:

**Holy God,
we've gathered this morning as your people,
rejoicing in your presence,
longing to be cherished,
craving a real connection with you.**

**In this hour of worship
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,
that we may worship you in spirit and truth.**

* *Please stand if you are able*

**We lift our hearts and souls and minds to you, Lord,
for we are wholly yours—
now and forever. Amen.**

* **HYMN #466: "O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING" (verses 1-2 and 4)**

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy and loving God, forgive our sins.
Forgive the sins we remember, and the sins we have forgotten.
Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation,
and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction.
Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements
and those when we have failed to boast in your works.
Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others,
and the leniency we have shown ourselves.
Forgive the lies we have told to others,
and the truths we have avoided.
Forgive the pain we have caused others,
and the indulgence we have shown ourselves.

Compassionate and gracious God,
have mercy on us, and make us whole.
Amen.

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

"SPEAK, O LORD"

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Living for God's Glory"*—Chuck Guth

1 Peter 2:11-25

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² *"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."*

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;

“by his wounds you have been healed.”²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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.

CHOIR: “BE THOU MY VISION”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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“MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR”

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow’r controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His pow’r.

May the peace of God, my Father,
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing:
This is victory.

May we run the race before us,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As we onward go.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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