

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

October 15, 2023 at 10 am

"The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* **HYMN #442: "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION" (verses 1-2, 4-5)**

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name, O Most High,
proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.

**You make us glad by your deeds, LORD;
We sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

How great are your works, LORD,
how profound your thoughts!
You, LORD, are forever exalted.

Let us come, now, to worship God,
to open our hearts to God,
to be transformed by God in every aspect of our lives.

Based on Psalm 92:1-2, 4-5, 8.

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“LORD, BE GLORIFIED”

In my life, Lord
Be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord
Be glorified today.

In my song, Lord
Be glorified, be glorified;
In my song, Lord
Be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord
Be glorified, be glorified;
In Your church, Lord
Be glorified today.

In our home, Lord
Be glorified, be glorified;
In our home, Lord
Be glorified today.

“Lord, Be Glorified” by Bob Kilpatrick

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Our Father in Heaven,
We come to you as people
who have too readily absorbed the idea that we are basically good,
that sin is little more than error of judgment,
that self-fulfillment should be our goal.**

**Help us to see sin as you see it—
as a violation of your holiness,
as rebellion against your will,
as a failure to be what you created us to be.**

**With Paul we acknowledge that we all have sinned,
we all fall short of your glory.**

**Forgive us Lord;
In your mercy and compassion wash us,
cleanse us,
blot out the stain of our sin.**

**Transform us into the image of your son,
Help us to be holy as you are holy;
Renew a loyal and obedient spirit within us;
Lead us to lives that glorify you.**

**We pray these things
in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

CHOIR: "LIVING WATER"

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Paradigm Church: They Devoted Themselves . . ."*

Acts 2:42–47

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Ephesians 4:11–16

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. ¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

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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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 #438: "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Choir Practice (9:00)
- Tuesday, Oct 17** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Wednesday, Oct 18** *Jesus (and the Gospels) in 3D*
Coffee and Study (1:00 pm)
Soup and Study (6:00 pm for a meal together; study at 6:30 pm)
- Thursday, Oct 19** Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Saturday, Oct 21** Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Homeless Supplies
(5:00–7:00 pm)