

Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 10 am

"The righteous will live by their faithfulness to God." (Habakkuk 2:4)

PRELUDE

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BEHOLD WHAT MANNER OF LOVE

Behold what manner of love
The Father has given unto us;
Behold what manner of love
The Father has given unto us:

That we should be called
The children of God;
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The children of God.

(Sing through twice)

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORLD

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

You have heard what was written about Jesus in Scripture—
how he would suffer and die
and then rise from the dead on the third day.

We have heard how the same power that raised Jesus from the dead
raised Him to heaven and seated Him at the right hand of God,
where he now lives to intercede on our behalf.

So let us come before God with confidence,
through the loving intercession of our risen and ascended Lord,
Jesus Christ!

Let's worship God together!

(Based on Luke 24:44-46; Ephesians 1:20-22; Hebrews 4:16)

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HYMN #138: *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"The Righteous Will Live by Their Faith"*

Habakkuk 2:2–4

² Then the LORD said to me,

"Write my answer plainly on tablets,
so that a runner can carry the correct message to others.

³ This vision is for a future time.
It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled.

If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently,
for it will surely take place.
It will not be delayed.

⁴ "Look at the proud!
They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked.
But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.

Romans 1:16–17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Galatians 3:6–12

In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." ⁷ The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. . . .

⁹ So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith. . . .

¹¹ So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." ¹² This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."

Hebrews 13:35–38

So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! ³⁶ Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

³⁷ "For in just a little while,
the Coming One will come and not delay.

³⁸ And my righteous ones will live by faith.

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HYMN #361: *HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Our practice is to eat the bread individually as it is distributed,
and to hold onto the cup until all have received it, and then partake of it in unison.*

Our communion bread is gluten-free,

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Passing the Peace: "May the peace of Christ be with you"

Communion

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above,
 I have a strong and perfect plea.
 A great High Priest whose name is Love,
 Who ever lives and pleads for me.
 My name is graven on His hands,
 My name is written on His heart.
 I know that while in heav'n He stands;
 No tongue can bid me thence depart,
 No tongue can bid me thence depart.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
 My perfect spotless righteousness.
 The great unchangeable I Am,
 The King of glory and of grace.
 One with Himself I cannot die;
 My soul is purchased with His blood.
 My life is hid with Christ on high,
 With Christ my Savior and my God,
 With Christ my Savior and my God.

I bow before the cross of Christ,
 And marvel at this love divine.
 God's perfect Son was sacrificed
 To make me righteous in God's eyes.
 This river's depths I cannot know;
 But I can glory in its flood.
 The Lord Most High has bowed down low,
 And poured on me His glorious love,
 And poured on me His glorious love.

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BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Sunday Worship with Communion (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, June 3	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30) Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Wednesday, June 4	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Sat–Sun, Jun 7–8	Youth Group camping trip
Sunday, June 8	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Potluck (after the service)



Our summer sermons are going to be based on questions from the congregation. If you have something you've wondered about, or wished someone would explain about the Bible, or what we believe as followers of Jesus, now's your chance to have your question answered—but you have to let me know what that question is! On the table in Fellowship Hall you'll find a form to submit your question—and a box to put it in once you've filled it out. Or simply email me at chuck@aberdeenpres.org.

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