

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

August 27, 2023 at 10 am

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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"COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING"

Come people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace. *[Refrain]*

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age:
Our God is all in all. *[Refrain]*

*"Come People of the Risen King" by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend
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ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATORS AND BLESSING OF STUDENTS

* *Please stand if you are able*

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 part of our lives.**

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

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HYMN #464: "JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

**Almighty and most merciful God,
we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wanderings,
deeper than all our sin.**

**Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,
our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,
our envy of those who have more than we have,
our too frequent obsession with creating and enhancing our own pleasure,
our indifference to the treasures of heaven,
our neglect of your wise and gracious law.**

**Help us to change our way of life so that we desire what is good,
love what you love,
do what you command,
and live as your holy people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

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“LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN”

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *“The Treasure You Live By”*

Matthew 6:19–34

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal,²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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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“SEEK YE FIRST”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness;
And all these things
Shall be added unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by ev’ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God:
Allelu, alleluia.

* *Please stand if you are able*

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you:
Allelu, alleluia.

"Seek Ye First," by Karen Lafferty.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Please Note: Office closed Monday and Tuesday, August 28–29

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**Chuck is on vacation this week but still available in an emergency;
as always, he can be contacted on his cell at 847-800-7119.**

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, Aug 29** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Next Sunday, Sept 3** Communion (10:00 worship service)
Rev. Luke Crook will be preaching
- Sunday, Sept 10** Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
Fall Kick-off Sunday

CHURCH COLLECTION PROJECTS

Homeless Sanitary Bag Supplies (travel sizes)

Shampoo & Conditioner
Bar Soap
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Disposable Razors
Shaving Lotion
Deodorant
Hair Brushes & Combs
Women's Sanitary Products

Aberdeen Food Bank (current needs)

Mac and Cheese
Canned (Cream) Soup:
e.g. chicken, mushroom
Canned Tomatoes
Canned Tuna
Spaghetti/Pasta
Peanut Butter
Diapers (any size except #1)