



1st Pres

DOWNTOWN FOR GOOD

October 9, 2022 • 10:00 AM



We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ. Mission, education and fellowship are essential to the life of First Presbyterian Church. However, worship is the core of who we are and what we do. During worship, we respond to the grace of of with thanksgiving, celebration, and the dedication of our lives.

- Through worship, we teach and we learn.
- Through worship, we experience life together.
- From worship, we serve

If you are visiting, we want to do all we can to help you feel at home.

We thank you for your presence among us today. If you need any assistance, our deacons are wearing green name tags and can answer any questions you might have.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Heather

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Our Order of Service

Worship begins as you enter the sanctuary. The prelude provides time for quiet, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Bold print indicates where the congregation speaks together.

*Please stand if able

Visiting Today?

We'd like to get to know you, so please fill out your name and contact information on the fellowship pads as they are passed among the pews during today's service. When the pad comes back to the end of the pew, you can remove the information sheet to be placed in the offering plate later.

First Presbyterian welcomes children and encourages them to participate in our worship service. You may pick up a children's worship pack and bulletins at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Need a quiet spot for you and your child during the service? We have the nursery open for those littles who might need space for quiet or room to wiggle. Located on the second floor in the Sunday School wing.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Psalms Prelude Op. 32 No. 1* Herbert Howells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *Sing a New Song*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jim Stewart

May we find courage here –
Courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

May we find hope here –
Hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

May we find truth here –
Truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

May we find all that we seek.
And in our seeking, may we know God. Let us turn our hearts to God in worship.

***HYMN** *Jesus, Light of Joy* #673

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray, Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, hear this good news:
even in our silence,
God loves us.
Even when we sin,
God wraps us in grace.
You are free – to be bold, to be exactly who God called you to be.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 12:1-8 (p 936)

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

SERMON *The Promise of Beauty* Rev. Heather Hayes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***HYMN** *I Love to Tell the Story* #462

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in beauty—
beauty pulled into being by our Creator,
beauty that catches our breath,
beauty that turns us toward awe.
I believe in courage—
courage to believe,
courage to stand up for the people we love,
courage to love without hesitation.
I believe in the Holy Spirit
who prays for us when we cannot,
who is brave for us when we are not.
I believe in Jesus Christ
who stood up for Mary,
who quieted the voice of critique,
who welcomed every bid for relationship.
I believe in God.
I believe in God who believes in us. Amen.**

We invite children to come to the front at this time for their own special message. At the conclusion of children's time, kids 5th grade and under are invited to join us upstairs for Sunday School. An adult will be at the back of the sanctuary to escort kids to their room. Nursery is open throughout worship.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday Oct 9

9:00 am Nursery
9:00 am Insight Adult Education
9:00 am Kid's Bible Explorer
10:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
12:00 am Togo Worship Service
1:15 pm CROP Walk at Thomas Park
2:30 pm SEMP Prep
3:30 pm SEMP Dishwasher
4:00 pm SEMP Dining Room
4:00 pm SEMP Host
3:45 pm SEMP Greeter & Guide

Tuesday Oct 11

5:30 pm Deacons
7:00 pm Care Commission

Wednesday Oct 12

6:00 pm Bell Choir
6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group
6:00 pm Agape Kids (3rd - 5th grades)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Dinner for Middle School & High School
7:30 pm High School Youth Group

Thursday Oct 13

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Sunday Oct 16

9:00 am Nursery
9:00 am Insight Adult Education
9:00 am Kid's Bible Explorer
9:30 am Children's Choir
10:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 am New Shepherd Orientation
2:30 pm SEMP Prep
3:30 pm SEMP Dishwasher
4:00 pm SEMP Dining Room
4:00 pm SEMP Host
4:00 pm Fall Festival
4:15pm SEMP Greeter & Guide

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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kris Keuseman

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Angel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gather the gifts of our hands and hearts, living Spirit.
Use these gifts to build not monuments to your distant glory,
but testaments to your never ending love. In Christ's name we
pray, Amen.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE THE LORD

*HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* #546

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *May the Peace of God* Larson

*POSTLUDE *College Recessional* Charles Krigbaum

Leading In Worship

Pastor - Heather Hayes
Choir Director - Fred Kiser
Organist - Ted Cronbaugh
Liturgist - Jim Stewart

Ushers - Cherie Thompson, Sandy & Dick Shoemaker,
and Selma Brigham

Greeters - Carolyn Horton & Darrel Wridler