



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 21, 2024



Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit – Serving God's People

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

Holy One, we want to be the sheep of your pasture. Care for us, feed us, and lead us, we pray. Once we are strengthened by your presence, raise us up to be shepherds ourselves who tend to those who fear so that our lives may reflect our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude

Jesus Is All the World to Me

arr. Elmo Mercer

Gathering for Worship

Leader: Christ says come away to a deserted place and rest a while. God calls us to quiet and rest, even as we continue to minister to those in need.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn #300

We Are One in the Spirit

*Call to Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sin, confident in God's love for us.

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

All: God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us.

We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy.

Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! We are forgiven and have been restored by the grace of God. Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand as you are able*

***Giving of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

***Response** #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*



Children's Sermon

Talk About Super-Sizing!

Elizabeth Hamilton

Prayer for Illumination

Reader: May the reading of your Word draw us near, O God.

May the hearing of your Word break down dividing walls between us,
for Jesus Christ, your living Word, is our peace. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (NT, p. 41)

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 146 (OT, p. 581)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those
who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

Oh, The Lord is Good to Me!

***Hymn** #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

v. 1-2

Sacrament of the Lord's Table

Minister: Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.

O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are all who find refuge in God!

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: O holy God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise... who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed his he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: We praise you, most holy God... ..we will celebrate victory with him.

Words of Institution

Minister: We give thanks that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me." *(The bread is distributed.)*

Minister: In the same way he took the cup, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this for the remembrance of me." *(The cup is distributed.)*

Minister: Therefore, in remembrance of your mighty acts...

let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God... all glory and honor are yours, almighty One, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Covenant Box

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: God spreads a table of blessings before us. Let us express our gratitude by giving a portion of what has been given to us.

Offertory

Air de ballet

Cécile Chaminade

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: God of green pastures and still waters, bless these gifts what we have been given that they may become part of your banquet for the world. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer

Joys and Concerns *(In the bulletin, on cards, or via Zoom Chat)*

Minister: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray... *Silent Prayer*

Minister: Let us pray together...

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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v. 3-4

Announcements

Blessing

Minister: We are in the dwelling of the house or the Lord-
let us be God’s banquet for one another!

Postlude

Thou Art Worthy

arr. Jim Lucas

Moment for Reflection:

Douglas John Hall

*Since for Christians Jesus, supremely, is revelatory of God
and indeed God’s unique representative in history, compassion must be said to be of the
essence of the One who created us and before whom all life is lived.*

Worship Assistants

Merit Sullivan- Greeter

Sue Baily- Worship Assistant

Jiyeon Lee- Accompanist

Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Wendi Zea- Head Usher

Allan Bennett - Scripture Reader

Elizabeth Hamilton- Zoom Greeter

JULY 21, 2024

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (Hosts: Pat and Kathy Manfredi)

4:30 pm Church School Walkathon

JULY 24, 2024

10:00 am Bible Study with Bill and J. P.

3:30 pm Bible Study with Pastor Kerry via Zoom

JULY 25, 2024

Noon Men’s Group Conversation and Pizza in Fellowship Hall

JULY 28, 2024

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall (Hosts: TBD)

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 10:30 am-2:00 pm

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Pastor Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out **Joys and Concerns** cards at the back of the sanctuary prior to the beginning of worship. The cards are on the table as you enter, and there is a basket to put the completed cards in. If you are participating via Zoom, use the Chat feature to let the Zoom Greeter know what your Joys and Concerns are (please complete asap during the service.)

Church School Walkathon – July 21, 2024. The church school young people are walking to raise money for Marion Medical Mission. After the walk, those who pledged in support of this project are invited to join the walkers in Fellowship Hall for pizza and collection of the pledges. For more information, contact Judy Beyler.

Men's Fellowship Group will meet in Fellowship Hall Thursday, July 25, at noon for pizza and conversation. Please email presmen@firstprescdale.org if you plan to attend (we want to have enough pizza)! Contact Harry Davis, Rick Jefferson, Bob Luebbers, or Bill Martens for more information.

Please, as you are able, continue to contribute financially to the life and ministry of the church through Sunday offerings, direct deposit, by sending checks in the mail, online at <http://www.firstprescdale.org> or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.



Joys and Concerns

Remember to Pray for:

- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Areas of the world at war, peace in the Middle East
- Our Democracy in the face of social unrest and political polarization
- Transgender community and others under attack legislatively
- Those affected by natural disasters, threats of terrorism, mass shootings, and hate crimes
- Those who are homeless, hungry, marginalized, underrepresented and in harm's way
- Military Service Members

Each week we pray for one of the Carbondale Interfaith Council faith communities.

This week, please pray for: **Epiphany Lutheran Church**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Presbyterian Child Development Center**

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this new day.

Please help me to stay mindful of your creation and your teachings as I travel through it.

Empower me to see and spread the good news of your grace to all people.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for all the ways that I saw your glory and learned your teachings beyond speech and words. As I drift to sleep this night, may the meditations of my heart draw me closer to you, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

#300

We Are One in the Spirit

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We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land.
Refrain

We will work with each other, We will work side by side, We will work with each other,
We will work side by side, And we'll guard each one's dignity And save each one's pride:
Refrain

All praise to the Father, from who all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus,
His only Son, And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one: *Refrain*

#582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (sing twice)

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned
me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be. Amen

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#12 (v. 1-2) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

#606 *Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow* (Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#12 (v. 3-4) *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish;
but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight. All praise we would render;
O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!