



# First Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, May 8, 2022



*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 along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



## Order of Worship

### Prayer in Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you have gathered a people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

### Greeting and Welcome

### Ministry of the Church

Leader: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### Joys and Concerns

Leader: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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

**All: Please hold your people near, O God!**

### Prelude

*Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme*

arr. Jini

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## **Gathering for Worship**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in! Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn:** #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## **Call to Confession**

Leader: Let us take time to confess our sins before God and with one another.

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: God's mercy overflows as a leaning spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **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:** Say Hey, It's Mother's Day!

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Reader: Shepherd of souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. **Amen.**



## **Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 23 (OT p. 501)

## **Ministry of Music**

## **New Testament Lesson**

John 10:11-18 (NT p. 103)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclamation of the Word:** Super Shepherd!

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** A Brief Statement of Faith (Sections 5-6) (Hymnal p. 39)

**\*Hymn:** #106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

### Invitation to the Offering

Leader: The Lord is our Shepherd; we shall not want. Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God who restores our lives eternally.

### Offertory:

*Sonatine F Sharp Minor Excerpt*

Ravel

### \*#606 Doxology

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer

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...

**Unison: 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 our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**And deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power**

**And the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn: #541

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

### \*Blessing

### Postlude

*Sonatine F Sharp Minor Excerpt*

Ravel

### Moment for Reflection:



## **Worship Assistants**

Sarah Merideth- Greeter  
Diane Cash- Worship Assistant  
Chanmi Jeong- Accompanist  
Pat Manfredi- Videographer

Bill Martens- Head Usher  
Diane Cash- Scripture Reader  
Jim Calloway- Sound  
Jane Swanson- Zoom Host

### **SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022**

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom  
11:00 am Faith Dialogues via Zoom

### **TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022**

7:00 pm Session via Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022**

3:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom

### **SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022**

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom  
11:00 am Faith Dialogues via Zoom

### **Pastor Kerry's Office Hours This Week**

Monday - Thursday 10:00 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

**Faith Dialogues** continues today at 11:00 am with an exploration of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox traditions teachings about the Holy Spirit. Please rejoin the Zoom meeting using the Sunday Worship link.

**Watch this space** for exciting news about the re-boot of *Intrepid Inspector Ilse of Interpol and the Mainely Mystifying Missing Moose Mystery: A Case of Moose-taken Identity!*

**THANK YOU** for the Administrative Assistant's Day appreciation gifts. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated blessings. Barb

**Choral Event Opportunity** --Pepper Choplin, a church music composer, will be visiting Carbondale May 21 and 22. Bob Weiss from FUMC has invited area church singers to participate in a choral event. If anyone from First Presbyterian, would like to participate, please contact Carlyn and plan to rehearse with her Sunday, May 15 after church and Wednesday, May 18 at 6 pm. The concert is Sunday, May 22 at 3 pm and the rehearsal is Saturday, May 21 from approximately 10 to 12.

**Pizza and Movie: Monday, May 16, 6:00 pm** All are welcome to join us in the lounge for pizza and "go withs" followed by *Mr. Holland's Opus*. If you plan to attend, please let Kitty know phone or text: 618-203-1807; email: trescott@midwest.net

**Presbyterian Women** will meet Tuesday, May 17 at 1:00 pm. Contact Diane Cash for more details.

**The Dinner Group** will meet at Carbondale's Don Sol Restaurant Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Sharon Wittke at sharonwittke@gmail.com or (618) 893-1869.

**Snider Hill Cemetery Workday**--Saturday, May 21, 2022. Bring your tools, gloves, water, and sunscreen; we will gather at 9:00 a.m. and work 'til noon or so. For more information, contact Ro Quick or Beth Malmquist.

## Joys and Concerns

### Remember to Pray for:

- Ukraine Situation
- Afghan families who have arrived in Carbondale
- Transgender community under attack legislatively
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Covid19 Pandemic patients and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- For the victims of mass shootings and hate crimes
- For those in shelters on the southern border
- For those who continue to be marginalized and underrepresented
- Service men and women

Each week we pray for one of the Carbondale Interfaith Council faith communities.  
This week, please pray for: **Grace United Methodist Church**  
The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Nominating**

### Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, you have called a people to be your family out of every tribe, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity. Help us to honor and respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other this day and always. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

O Shepherd of all, you have brought us to the close of another day; for this gift and the blessings we now name, we give you thanks... All that we have and all that we are come from you; and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care, let us lie down this night in peace, that tomorrow we may rise to greet you in resurrection joy. Amen.

# 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

1 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 dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 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,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

3 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.

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

Psalm 23 (OT P 501)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

John 10:11-18 (NT p. 103)

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

*PCUSA A Brief Statement of Faith*

*5 With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*6 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*#106 Prepare the Way, O Zion*

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1 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. [Refrain]

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,  
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing. [Refrain]

*#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.

*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 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.

*#541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

1 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailling arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.