



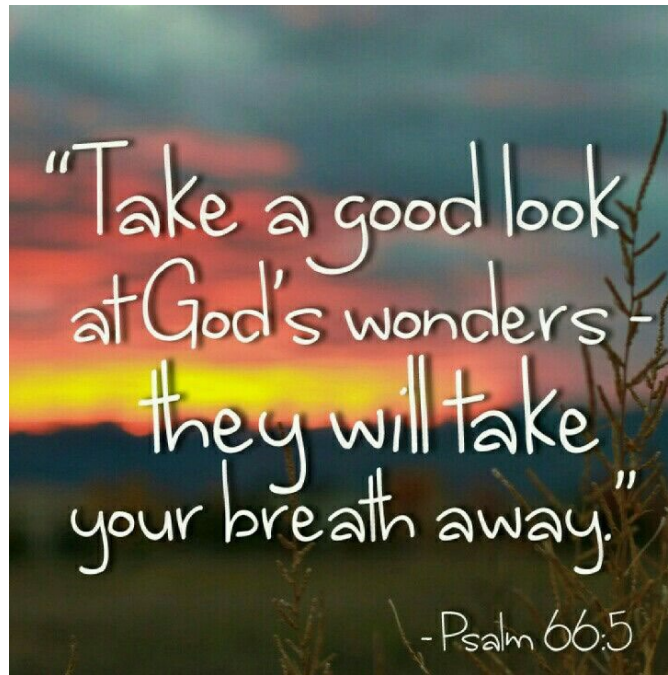
First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 9, 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 and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

Past, Present, and Future God, Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, help us to remember home and to hope in the promised land, that we might know you, Alpha and Omega, Three in One. Amen.

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude

Aufschwung (Soaring), Op. 12

Schumann

Gathering for Worship

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

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

*Hymn #318

In Christ There Is No East or West

Call to Confession

Leader: Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins.

**Please stand as you are able*

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

All: Jesus, have mercy on us.

We sometimes keep our distance from you

For we are broken and sick with sin.

Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole.

Forgive us when we forget to return to you-

Have mercy when we fail to praise your name,

And help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news: your call has been answered. Christ has healed you and forgives your sin. With glad hearts, return praise to God.

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: Are We There Yet?

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: These are your words, O God. Humble us to speak their weight. Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us to live their call. **Amen.**



Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 66:1-12 (OT, p. 528)

Special Music

New Testament Lesson

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NT p. 211)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word: Guard the Good Treasure

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Confession of Belhar

Section 10.2c

Leader: Together, let us confess our faith...

All: We believe that unity [through the Spirit]

must become visible so that the world may believe

that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin

which Christ has already conquered,

and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity

may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

***Hymn: #300**

We Are One in the Spirit

vv. 1-2

Covenant Box

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Have you looked in humble awe at the roundness of raindrops or the conical shape of spruce or the multitude of human forms or the contours of a cloud?

What was once formless and void has been transformed into a spacious place.

Let us give in all shapes and forms for the sake of God's creation and all who dwell in it.

Offertory:

Christ Arose

arr. Greg Howlett

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Small and humble in comparison, we give to you- that you might mold our world anew. **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.

***Hymn: #300**

We Are One in the Spirit

vv. 3-4

Announcements

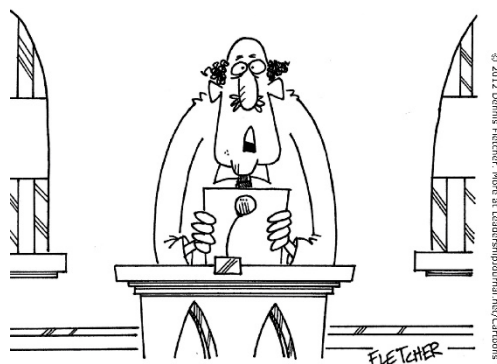
Blessing

Postlude

I Come to the Garden Alone

arr. Jini

Moment for Reflection:



“ ... and the church unity workshop has been postponed until the deacons can agree on the date, time, and color of the participant’s name tags.”

Worship Assistants

Kitty Trescott- Greeter

Phyllis Beck- Worship Assistant and Scripture Reader

Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Bob and Elana Luebbers- Head Ushers

Chanmi Jeong- Accompanist

Wendi Zea- Zoom Greeter

OCTOBER 9, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary and via Zoom

11:00 am Faith Dialogues in Sanctuary and via Zoom

Fellowship

2:00 pm Murder Mystery Rehearsal

OCTOBER 10, 2022

OFFICE CLOSED—COLUMBUS DAY

OCTOBER 11, 2022

5:00 pm Murder Mystery Rehearsal

7:00 pm Session

OCTOBER 12, 2022

3:30 pm Bible Study

OCTOBER 16, 2022

9:30 am Worship Service in Sanctuary and via Zoom

Fellowship

2:00 pm Murder Mystery Rehearsal

Pastor Kerry’s Office Hours:

Monday Office Closed

Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am-2:00 pm

Thursday 9am-Noon

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 in which you can place the completed cards. If you are participating via Zoom, use the Chat feature to let the Zoom Greeter know what your Joys and Concerns are. Please complete these as early in the service as possible.

Murder Mystery Rehearsals –2:00 pm today, Tuesday, October 11 at 5:00 pm, and Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Dinner Group will meet at the Fork and Vine Restaurant, 8595 US-51 in Cobden (formerly Rustle Hill Winery) Thursday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please contact Sharon Wittke at sharon a wittke@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women will meet in Fellowship Hall Tuesday, September 18, at 1:00 pm.

We will observe **All Saints' Sunday November 6, 2022**. Has someone you have known and loved died in the last year, someone who was a role model for you to follow, or someone who has shared life with you? We will be printing in the bulletin the names of people who died since October 31, 2021. (Slips are available at the back of the sanctuary. Fill one out and give it to an usher, put it in the offering plate, or leave it in Barb's box in the workroom.)

Joys and Concerns

Remember to Pray for:

- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- For all affected by the mass shootings and hate crimes
- Ukraine Situation
- 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 who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- 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: **Gaia House Interfaith Center**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Staff**

Household Prayer: Morning

God of endings, of packing up decisions of keeping and leaving of saying goodbye the practice of closing and tidying and of moving- the finality of distance between. Grant me the strength to start over. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, a day of worship and a day of rest a day in community and a day to be blessed. A day for offering and for welcoming a day of remembering and of reckoning. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let me rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

#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 66:1-12

To the leader. A Song. A Psalm. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.' *Selah*

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the
nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs.

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in
Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as
my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling
your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere
faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am
sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you
through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a
spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join
with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us
with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

#300 We Are One In the Spirit (v 1-2)

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

#300 We Are One In the Spirit (v 3-4)

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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 human dignity And save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from who all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.