

First Presbyterian Church
Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

*Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 28, 2020*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord!"
By Charles W. Ore

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come from the fields of your daily labors, return from the journeys that have taken you far from home—come, here is rest and renewal.

**We gather, hearts ready
to receive God's life-giving Word.**

Come to this table, where all find welcome, and this font, where grace overflows—come into the presence of the Living Lord.

**We come to praise God—
the sender and the sent.**

*HYMN #610 "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you send us as prophets to proclaim your coming
reign. You send us out as witnesses to embody your**

**justice, kindness, and mercy. Yet we shrink from your call
to serve as messengers of your kingdom. We cling to safe
surroundings and turn from the demands of discipleship.
Forgive us, we pray. Embolden us and send us again
as heralds of your good news.**

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 3:1-20 (p. 915)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Be Thou My Vision"
Performed by Dalton Hagler & Mary Barnett

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 3:21-31 (p. 916)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Keep the Faith"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #829 "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.32-33)*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus
Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

**His human life involves the church in the common life of
all people.**

**His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.**

**His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.**

**His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on
the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the
awful consequences of the church's own complicity in
injustice.**

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human
life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

**The church follows this pattern in the form of its life
and in the method of its action. So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Aria for Organ"
by John S. Dixon

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN # 846 "Fight the Good Fight"

*CHARGE & BENECTION

*POSTLUDE "Gospel Fanfare"
by Andrew Carter



WORSHIP NOTES

Rhonda Banasiak is bringing the message today.

Vicki Wallace is today's liturgist.

Jesse Colston is leading today's Children's Moment

Hannah Cruse is Director of Music.

Dalton Hagler & Mary Barnett are today's Special Vocalists.

Douglas Ferguson is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.

***Please stand if you are able.**

