

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
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 5, 2020*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "O God of Truth"
by George Dyson

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to me, Jesus says. All who are weary,
come to me.

And you, who carry heavy loads,
come to me.

For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls.

**Let us draw near to Jesus, whose yoke is easy and whose
burden is light.**

*HYMN #240 "Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we fill our lives with comfort and
convenience, distractions that consume our energy and
time. We chase after wealth and power as if they could
satisfy the hunger in our souls. But you beckon us toward
new life, a life made rich through Sabbath and service.**

**Free us from the yokes that bind us and draw us near to
you, until we learn to walk with Christ.**

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 4:1-12 (p. 916)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Nocturne in Eb"
By Frederic Chopin / Performed by Christina Glover

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 4:13-25 (p. 916)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Father Abraham & Mother Sarah"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #49 "The God of Abraham Praise"

*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.**

BAPTISM

Eliza Catherine Raymond & Camille Hudson Raymond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Baptism"
by Nathaniel R. Dett

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #838 "Standing on the Promises"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "With the Lord Begin Thy Task"
by Theodore Beck





Congratulations to William & Lindsey Raymond on the baptism of **Eliza Catherine Raymond**, born September 4, 2018 and

Camille Hudson Raymond, born January 15, 2020.

Their big sister, Edith Elizabeth was also baptized at First Presbyterian in 2016. Proud grandparents are Gary & Sally Raymond.

WORSHIP NOTES

Andrea Smith is today's liturgist.

Emily Vaughn is leading today's Children's Moment

Hannah Cruse is Director of Music.

Douglas Ferguson is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.

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

