

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
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 2020*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Spiritual Set: Affirmation"
by Noel Da Costa

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the living God,
**who knit us together when we were yet unnamed, and
welcomes us with a parent's embrace.**
We have come to worship the almighty God,
**who searches us and knows our hearts, and still loves us
completely.**
We have come to worship the eternal God,
**who seeks us wherever we are and shepherds us with a
guiding hand.**

*HYMN #697 "Take My Life"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know
when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit that
blesses the world. You know, too, when our words sow
seeds of discord and our actions choke out generosity and
grace. When we produce more weed than wheat, forgive**

**us. As we wait with eager longing for your reign to be
revealed in our midst, plant within us gifts of love and
mercy, so that we might live as children of the kingdom
and bear fruit that enriches your harvest.**

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:1-14 (p. 917)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Freedom"
South African Piece / Performed by Scholarship Singers

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:15-23 (p. 917)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Freed"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #431 "Forgive Us, Lord"

*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 "Impromptu No. II"
by Samuel Taylor-Coleridge

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #725 "O Jesus I Have Promised"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Spiritual Set: Praise"
by Noel Da Costa

WORSHIP NOTES

Liz Thomas is today's liturgist.
Maggie Glenn 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.**

