

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
Nineth Sunday After Pentecost
August 2, 2020*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
Arr. by Heather Sorenson

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All who hunger—gather gladly.
We come to feast on the life-giving Word.
Here, love abounds and grace overflows.
Here, blessings multiply as gifts are shared.
Come—let us pour ourselves out in prayer and praise,
and open ourselves to renewal and rest.

*HYMN #53 "O God Who Gives Us Life and Breath"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance, in your hands meager offerings
become bread to feed a multitude. Your mercy overflows
to fill deserted landscapes with hope and grace. In you
there is always more than enough. But we see only
scarcity: too few resources to share with our neighbors,
too little energy to respond to those in need. We turn from
those who suffer rather than offering compassion and
care. Transform us, we pray. Open our hands to share

freely and generously and stretch our hearts to new
expressions of love.

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 8:1-16 (p. 918)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Who is the Alien"
Music from Southern Harmony/Harmony by Marty Haugen;
Text by Mary Louise Bringle

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:17-39 (p. 919)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Life in the Spirit"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #796 "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, pg. 35*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who
was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again

from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "All Belong Here"
by The Many

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... who forever sing to the
glory of your name:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #547 "Go My Children With My Blessing"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Toccata in Seven"
by John Rutter



WORSHIP NOTES

Allister Banasiak is today's liturgist.

Liz Thomas is leading today's Children's Moment
Scholarship Singers are performing today's special music.

Matt Shaw & Hannah Cruse are performing today's offertory.

Hannah Cruse is Director of Music.

Douglas Ferguson is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.

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



Communion at Home August 2, 7:00 p.m.

Our Session, once again, not wanting to deprive the congregation of communion at a time when many of us especially need this nourishment of our faith and visible sign of our connection to the body of Christ (and following the constitutional mandate of our Book of Order [W-3.0409] to authorize communion at least quarterly), has authorized the celebration of communion by Zoom in our homes with the elements gathered and prepared by each family on Sunday, August 2, at 7:00 p.m. The invitation to the table will be included in today's worship service.

The full text of the liturgy and instructions for participating were included in this week's Quick Links newsletter. Here are a few preparatory suggestions. You are encouraged to include communion as part of your evening meal. Prepare

something special for supper. Set a time for all who will be at your table to gather for the meal. Set the table with real dishes and silverware; use cloth napkins if you have them.

Create a centerpiece or worship focal point. You might include:

- A cross of another symbol of faith
- A Bible
- A candle or candles
- A small bowl of water representing the baptismal font
- A special plate and cup for your communion elements.

We believe that the sacramental elements are ordinary water (baptism) and ordinary bread and drink. You may use whatever you already have available—whatever is common for your family—for bread and drink for your communion elements. For the bread, locate some sliced bread, crackers, croutons, or the like, whatever you have in the pantry. For the wine, use juice, water, or whatever "spirits" the Spirit leads you to find, whatever you have in the refrigerator will do. The power of this sacred ritual is not ultimately in the elements we use but rather in the sacred story those elements represent to us. Remember that these are the symbols the Spirit will use to do its work in us, to renew the life of Christ in us, to strengthen our faith, to confirm Christ's presence and join us to him and to one another.

I hope to see you at the Lord's Table (in your home) for communion on Sunday, August 2!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Greg



PART – TIME MUSIC TEACHER NEEDED FOR PRESCHOOL

The preschool is seeking a music teacher for the morning preschool program. The position will begin in September and end in May. Requirements include approximately 5 hours a week of instruction on 2 mornings. Individuals with a music background in working with young children will be given preference. Pay is dependent on experience. Inquiries may be directed to: **Mary Linn Sadler @ 931-645-0313 or email to mlsadler7@hotmail.com**