

**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  
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
August 16, 2020*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "Suite in D Major: Overture"  
by G.F. Handel

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together  
in unity!

**A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the  
Living Lord.**

Lifelong followers seeking sustenance, new disciples  
searching for grace—

**a family fashioned by faith, we gather to kneel before  
the Giver of Mercy.**

Children of God, come!

**The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own.  
Let us praise God!**

\*HYMN #711 "Lord of All Good"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, there is much we must confess: When we  
discount another's pain or overlook neighbors in  
distress, forgive us.**

**When we choose callous words over compassionate  
impulses, forgive us.**

**When we think others less deserving of grace and ration  
kindness as if it could be exhausted, forgive us.**

**Have mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness so  
that every word and deed that proceeds from our hearts  
might glorify you.**

**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 12:1-13 (p. 922)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:14-21 (p. 923)

RESPONSE

SERMON "The Obedience of Faith"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"  
verses 1, 3, 4, & 6

\*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 "Chorale Prelude on the Tune Archdale"  
by Quinto Maganini

\*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #733 "We All Are One in Mission"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Postlude"  
by Thomas Aberg

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Diane Miner** is today's liturgist.

**Dianne York** is leading today's Children's Moment

**Rob Waugh** is participating in today's Prelude

**Hannah Cruse** is Director of Music.

**Douglas Ferguson** is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.

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

