

**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  
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 23, 2020*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "Partita" from "Musikalisches Blumenbuschlein"  
by Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

As one body we have many members,  
each uniquely gifted for a particular purpose.  
**We, who are many, are one body in Christ.**  
Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers,  
artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers.  
**We, who are many, are one body in Christ.**  
With thanksgiving we offer our varied gifts  
in service to Christ, who makes us one.  
**Let us glorify the Lord!**

\*HYMN #663 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"  
**We call you the Son of the Living God. But we do not  
trust you to be at work in our world here and now.**  
Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"  
**You are the Messiah, who delivers us from death to life.**

**But we doubt your power to transform our lives.**  
Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"  
**We profess you are the Christ, the Lord of our lives.**  
**But our attention often wanders and our loyalty is  
tested.**  
**Forgive us.**  
**Help us not only to proclaim you, but to follow your  
way of justice and peace.**  
**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 13:1-7 (p. 923)

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Call" from "Five Mystical Songs"  
by Ralph Vaughan Williams/Performed by David Seay

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 13:8-14 (p. 923)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Church and State"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #771 "What Is the World Like"

\*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 "Clothe Yourself, My Soul, in Gladness"  
by J.S. Bach

\*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Postlude"  
by Arnold Cooke

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Debbie McNeil** is today's liturgist.  
**Brooksie Arrington** is leading today's Children's Moment  
**David Seay** is participating in today's Special Music.  
**Hannah Cruse** is Director of Music.  
**Douglas Ferguson** is today's Audio-Visual Specialist.  
**\*Please stand if you are able.**