

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP



## Church is a Family

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### Prayer of Preparation

Written by Stephen Healy

O God, to whom all desires are known, we praise you for the abundant love you give to our hearts and the peacefulness you offer. Grant us faith and tolerance. May your glory be forever repeated. Amen.

### Welcome

### Chiming of the Trinity

### Call to Worship (Psalm 23)

Hannah Henderson

Dear body of Christ, God calls us to be a family who loves and supports one another. Let us remember this as we join in the Call to Worship.

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

\* **Prayer of Confession**

Middy Hinckley

God has treated us like a family, but we have failed God as we have sinned against others. Let us admit to our wrongs as we pray the prayer of Confession printed in the bulletin.

**Loving God, we confess our sins to you. We have not loved you to the full extent of our hearts. We have annoyed people, lied to our neighbors, and disrespected others. God, you forgive us for our wrong doings every time we come to you. Make us whole as your daughters and sons.** (silent confession)

\* **Assurance of Pardon**

Middy Hinckley

God's mercy is everlasting. God will forgive all your sins and strengthen you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Know that you are forgiven, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* **Summary of the Law**

Si Rolan

Just like a family, we are called to care for each other. Let us do this by following the Lord's Summary of the Law. As a family, let us now say it together.

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”**

Matthew 22:37-39

\* **Passing of the Peace**

Jamey Spruill

Let us show each other that we love one another. Welcoming new people is welcoming them into our family. So, let us welcome by sharing peace.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

\* **Hymn 288**

**Spirit of the Living God**

Iverson

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

**Prayer of Illumination**

Mary Neal Cheek

God, open our hearts and minds to listen and demonstrate your Word that we are about to hear.

And may your Spirit guide us to learn how to be your children who love. Amen.

**First Lesson**

Genesis 22:1-14 (OT pages 17, 18)

Olivia Brinson

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson**

Ephesians 2:17-22 (NT page 193)

Mills Spann

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

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\* **Hymn 697**

*Take My Life* (Verse 1)

Havergal/ Malan

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;

let them flow in ceaseless praise

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Addie Cheek

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for our friends, families, and our church family. We pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and grieving for other reasons. We pray for those who are sick and weak and that you will strengthen them and heal them. We pray for those who are lost and that you will guide them back to your path. We pray for those who are depressed and that they will find joy in you. We pray for those who are fighting for our freedom and for those who have fought for our freedom. We pray for those who are homeless and that they will run to you for shelter. We pray for those who are hungry and thirsty and that you will provide for them. We pray for those who are poor and help them find wealth in you. We pray for those who are shunned for worshipping you and pray that you will keep them safe. We pray for those who are joyful and that they will spread your love and joy to others. We pray for those in dangerous places and that you will keep them safe. We pray for those who are in our lives and that you will watch over them. Please be with everyone in the world and keep us all safe and healthy. Please help us to act like your children and to share your love with others. Amen.

### \* **Benediction**

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Go in peace to love and serve the world. Amen.