

**The Lord's care for us is not always what we want.  
God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more  
than we ask or think.**

We acknowledge no other God.

**We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help.**

**We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other  
power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we  
love God.**

We praise and enjoy God.

**To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect  
freedom.**

**Anthem**      *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*      Hart/1835

**Joys and Concerns of the Congregation**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**    *Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major (BWV 560)*    Bach  
*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude or you may exit  
the pew when directed by the ushers.*

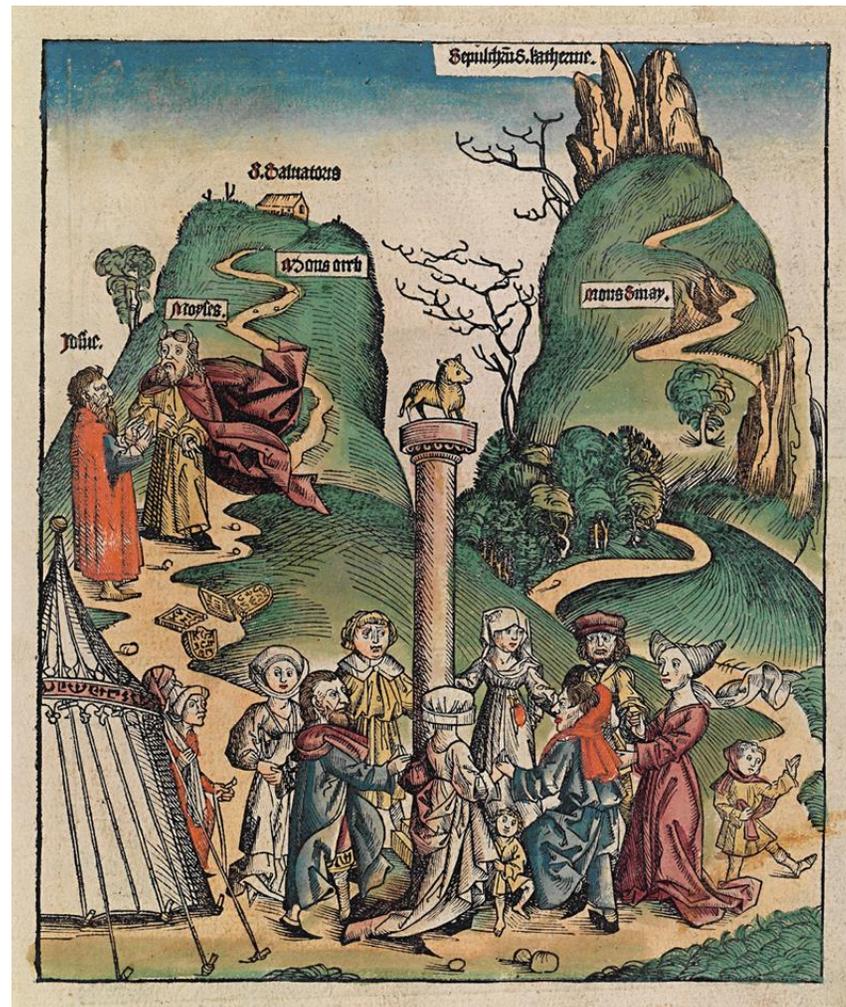
**If you have not already done so, please place your offering in  
the marked basket nearest the exit you use. We look forward to  
seeing you again next week.**

A special thank you to our ushers!

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Quartet: Sue Jones, Susan Mabie, Kathy Nelson, Dave Parker

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First  
Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all  
people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of  
age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational  
status, or political affiliation*



*"The Golden Calf from The Nuremberg Chronicle," 1493, from Art in the  
Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN*

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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# Order of Worship

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## Prayer of Preparation

*Holy God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all.  
Shift my focus today  
from whatever is false to that which is true;  
from whatever is vulgar to that which is honorable;  
from whatever is corrupt to that which is just;  
from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure;  
from whatever is detestable to that which is pleasing;  
from whatever is insignificant to that which is commendable;  
that I may live in the light. Through Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.*

## Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude**      *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*      Piutti

### \*Call to Worship (from Psalm 106 CEB)

Praise the Lord!

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love endures forever.

### **Who could possibly repeat all of the Lord's mighty acts or publicly recount all his praise?**

The people who uphold justice, who always do what is right,  
are truly happy!

### **Remember me, Lord, with the favor you show your people.**

**Visit me with your saving help so I can experience the good  
things your chosen ones experience, so I can rejoice in the  
joy of your nation, so I can praise along with your  
possession.**

Lord our God, save us!

Gather us back together from among all the nations so we can  
give thanks to your holy name and rejoice in your praise!

**Bless the Lord, the God of Israel,  
from forever ago to forever from now!  
And let all the people say, "Amen!"**

**Anthem**      *Let All Things Now Living*      Davis/Welsh melody

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of  
the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our  
trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward  
indifference—the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of  
our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the  
slightest pause—an answer to prayer not instantly given, a  
request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile,  
easily displaced by gods of our own making—the god of self-  
sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in  
any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## Assurance of Pardon

### Summary of the Law

**“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**

## Prayer of Illumination

**Lesson**      Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-13, 19-23  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA 1991)  
Chapter 1 (1, 2, 6, and 7)

We believe in one true and living God.

**We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are  
absolute, whose help for us is sufficient.**

**That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.**

God is greater than our understanding.

**We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works.**

**God's reality far exceeds all our words can say.**

**The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is  
best.**