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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1817

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World

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# Order of Worship

**Prayer of Preparation** Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)

*Glory be to God for dappled things -  
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
Landscape plotted and pieced - fold, fallow, and plough;  
And all trades, their gear and tackle trim.*

*All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)  
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise him.*

**Welcome**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude**

*Kum ba Yah*

Johnson

**Introit**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* Dunstan/Moore

**\*Call to Worship**

When the people of God were hungry,

**God rained manna upon them,  
and they ate until they were full.**

When the people of God are hungry,

**God calls us to taste the goodness of God's  
gifts, and to share our bread with one another.**

Let us worship the One who is the Bread of Life,  
**and watch for a glimpse of the heavenly banquet.**

**Let us worship God!**

**Hymn 511**

*Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven*

Underwood

**Confession**

**You are the Bread of Life, O God, and you promise that we  
will never hunger again, but we do hunger, O Lord, and  
often for the wrong things. You feed us with grace, but we**

**hunger for achievements. You offer us peace, but we hunger for control. You bless us with plenty to share, but we are slow to give. Forgive us, God, and by your forgiveness teach us to hunger for justice, to long for equality, to work for the common good until none of your children have to hunger for bread. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Summary of the Law**

Matthew 22:37-39

**“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.’”**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Lesson**

John 6:24-35

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

### **Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Anna Straight

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the**

**Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Anthem** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* Benson/Copes

### **Joys and Concerns of the Congregation**

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Hal and Marilyn Vandersea to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, George and Rena Dykstra, and Mark and Sadie Vandersea.*

### **The Lord's Supper**

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

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.**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever proclaim the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen. And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

### **Benediction**

**Response**                      *Jesus, Remember Me*                      Taizé/Berthier  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**Postlude**                      *Lord of All Nations, Grand Me Grace*                      Kolander

**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.**

Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Members of the Daybreak and Sanctuary Choirs

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Music notes: tune for today's postlude, "Beatus Vir," appears in a  
Slovak *Kancional* of 1561. Text is by Olive Wise Spannaus (1916-  
2018), who was baptized in the Presbyterian church.

Lord of all nations, grant me grace  
To love all people, every race,  
And in each person may I see  
My kindred loved, Redeemer, by Thee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Library Overflow - Free Books**

Due to generous donations this spring and summer by several First Presbyterian members and friends who were down-sizing or moving away, the William Lee Hawkins Library here at church has a significant supply of duplicate or not library appropriate books to offer to the congregation for their personal use. Weather permitting, a table will be set up in the courtyard between the 8:30 and the 11:00 services on Sunday, August 1st and Sunday, August 8th. Stop by and select for your late summer reading pleasure and edification. In case of rain, we will be in the front hall of the Ministry Center instead.

### **Looking for a Keurig Machine**

If you have recently upgraded your Keurig coffee machine and/or have a machine you no longer need that is no more than 2 years old, the church office is interested! Please contact the office by email ([church@firstpresnb.org](mailto:church@firstpresnb.org)) or phone (252-637-3270). The staff thanks you!

### **Hymn Singing!**

As we move into a time and space where vaccination rates increase and infection rates decrease, the Worship Commission has recommended (and the Session agreed) that we can begin re-introducing congregational singing into our worship services! We hope and trust you will make the most faithful decisions for you and your family based on your own vaccination status and particular context. For worship in the Sanctuary, we trust that those who are fully vaccinated can decide whether or not to wear masks and sing. If you are not fully vaccinated, for your own protection, we ask that you wear a mask and decide accordingly what level of participation is wise and faithful.

### **Church Membership**

Whether you have been worshipping with First Presbyterian for one Sunday or one hundred, we'd welcome the opportunity to talk with you about what it means to be a part of a church community-what it might mean for you to take the joyful, faithful step of becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church.

To help facilitate these conversations, we have scheduled classes to be held on September 12 and 19 during the Sunday School hour with the opportunity to join and be welcomed in worship on the 19<sup>th</sup> (at 11:00) or the 26<sup>th</sup> (at 8:30).

If these dates don't work for you, please get in touch with Anna, so we can add you to the list for the next time we have these gatherings or so we can meet and find a pathway and timeline that works for you ([anna@firstpresnb.org](mailto:anna@firstpresnb.org) or 252-637-3270).

### **Presbyterian Women**

The Presbyterian's Women's Kick-off Luncheon will be held on August 22, in the Session House, after the 11:00 church service. All women are invited! You do not have to be a member of a church circle to attend. No reservation is needed, and the cost is free. Come enjoy fellowship with Presbyterian ladies, some of whom you may not have seen in over a year! You will be given the opportunity to join a circle if you are interested. Meetings will begin in September and the 2021-2022 study will be: "What My Grandmothers Taught Me."

### **Nametags**

As more and more of the congregation is returning to worship in person after not seeing one another in quite a while AND to help Anna become acquainted with the congregation, we want to encourage everyone to get in the habit of wearing your nametags again! If you have misplaced yours, Marcy, our Office Administrator, is happy to make you another one ([marcy@firstpresnb.org](mailto:marcy@firstpresnb.org)). There is a board in the Narthex where you can leave your nametag at the end of the service, and it will be waiting for you the next Sunday.

### **Welcoming Tip of the Month**

In a large congregation like First Presbyterian, it is hard to know everyone. When you attend worship, there are just a few moments, before the service and after the service, when you can connect or chat. It's important to greet your friends, but how about making time to reach out with *more than a nod* to someone you haven't yet met. It's good to remember how Jesus was always on the look-out for the stranger.

*First Presbyterian Church identifies itself as a welcoming community of faith and intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. The Welcoming Committee over the months will be offering you tips to strengthen the hospitality of our congregation.*

### **Flower Calendar**

The flower calendar is now filled until the end of December! Many thanks to all who have signed up to provide flowers for the church this year. The calendar for 2022 is now included in the folder.

### **Nursery Open**

The nursery has reopened for the 11am service (from 10:30am-noon) for children, infants through second grade.

### **Adult Sunday school class “The Present Word”**

George Evans is leading "The Present Word class: Call in the New Testament". The class meets IN PERSON Sunday morning 9:40-10:40am in the Session House Parlor. Please contact George Evans (gkevans4@gmail.com) with questions. The book is available in the church office.

### **African Jewelry Making Workshop**

Arts to End Genocide (ATEG) and Faith Connection will have a workshop in African Jewelry Making on Saturday, August 21, in the First Presbyterian Church J. Murphy Smith Center gymnasium. There will be two sessions (limit 125 each); 12:30-2:00 and 2:30-4:00. Reservations are recommended: 252-481-4772. This event is not recommended for children under 12 years of age. Participants will receive a free packet of beads and materials to make a bracelet and/or earrings. Additional packets and/or individual beads will be available for purchase. This event is a benefit to help fund the relocation of 500 children out of a garbage dump in Bamako, Mali, West Africa, to a safer and healthier location.

### **Food 4 U**

Our Food 4 U program has been restarted and is ready to go. The only thing we need is food FROM you! Food 4 U is (will be) available to be picked up anytime for your family or someone you know who needs it. There is a freezer in the Session House kitchen

and containers in the pantry there. Take a container home for the next time you have extra soup, casserole or whatever and bring it in. Labels are also provided. Thank you for thinking of and caring for each other in this way! Questions? Call Polly Frank, 703-927-4626.

### **Virtual VBS – Packets available**

We're so excited to announce that BOLT: Totally 80s VBS is coming to your house this summer and *can be done at any time!* With minimal preparation, easy-to-follow instructions, and a video that leads your family step-by-step through each day, BOLT is designed to bring the fun and faith-formation of VBS to your home! Depending on your pace, you can expect that each day's experience will last about an hour and a half. It's great for kids 5 and up. This virtual VBS is designed to be completed over four days, but those days can be spread out however you want!

## Notes:

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