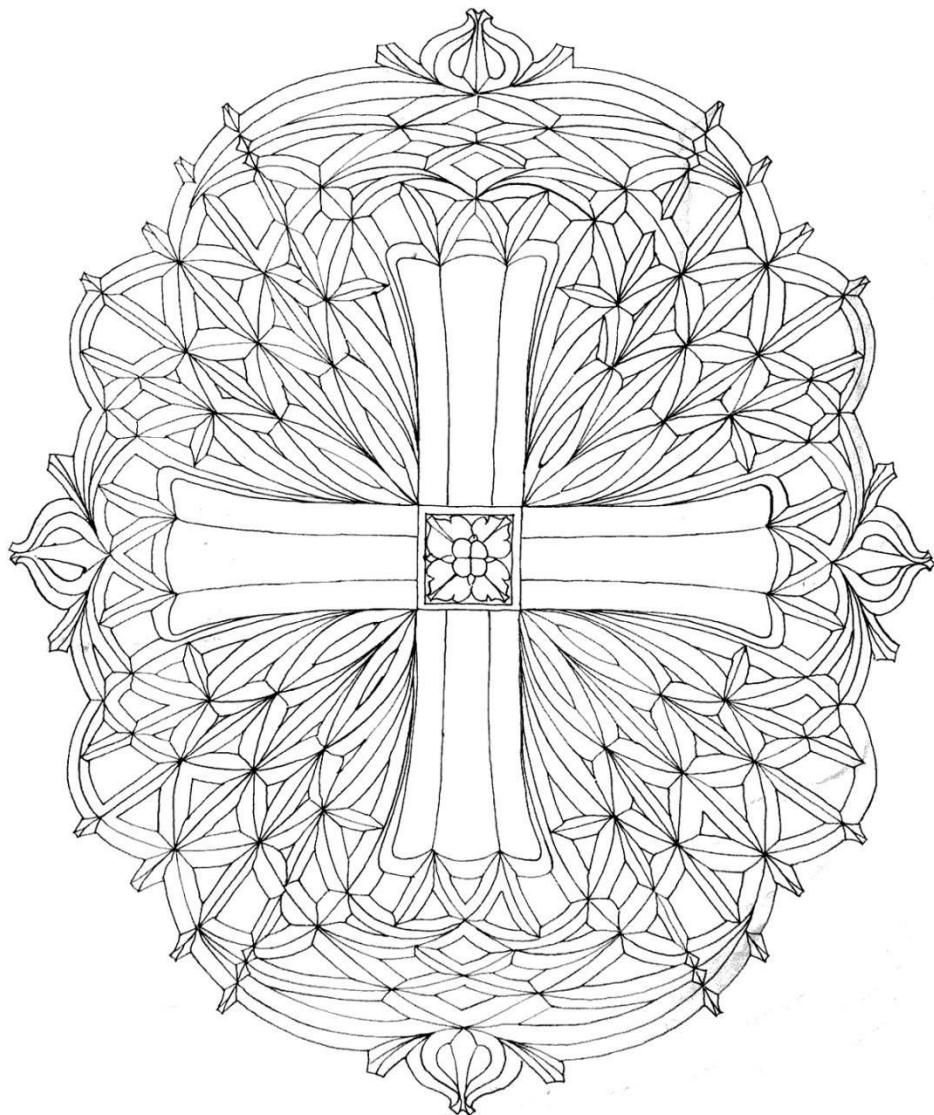


# First Presbyterian Church

## November 15, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends  
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

## We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Andante" from Sonata in C

W. A. Mozart

Call to Worship

Save us, O God, and gather us from among the nations,  
**That we may give thanks for your deliverance!**

Save us, O God, and restore us to your presence,  
**That we may sing praises to your name!**

Hymn

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

No. 619

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

We have found ways to ignore your prophets, O God, and to pretend they had nothing to say to us. We have been guided by our own wisdom, and have chosen our own prophets, preferring to hear from those who affirm what we want to believe. Be patient with us O God, and do not abandon us to our own worst inclinations. Continue to call out to us, through the voice of your Son, our savior, that we might turn from our own paths, paths that lead to despair and destruction, and be drawn instead to the path of Jesus, the Christ, which leads to life and hope and joy. Hear us now, in a moment of holy silence, as we offer our particular confessions to you...

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

**With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love  
God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

## We Celebrate our Life Together

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Judy Pidcock

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

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.

## We Listen to God's Word

A Moment for Children

Beth Thaxton

Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 1:14-18; Luke 13:31-34

Sermon

"When We Don't Take the Hint"

Ed McLeod

## We Respond to God's Word

Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

No. 744

Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"Be Still My Soul"

*Virtual Chamber Choir*

Jean Sibelius

Prayer of Dedication

## We Bear God's Word into the World

Hymn

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

No. 766

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.**

Postlude

*"Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"*

arr. Eugene Hill

Sacrament of Baptism

Robert Wood Finley, Jr.

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The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Steve's father, Donald L. Elderkin, on the occasion of his birthday by Cindy and Steve Elderkin.