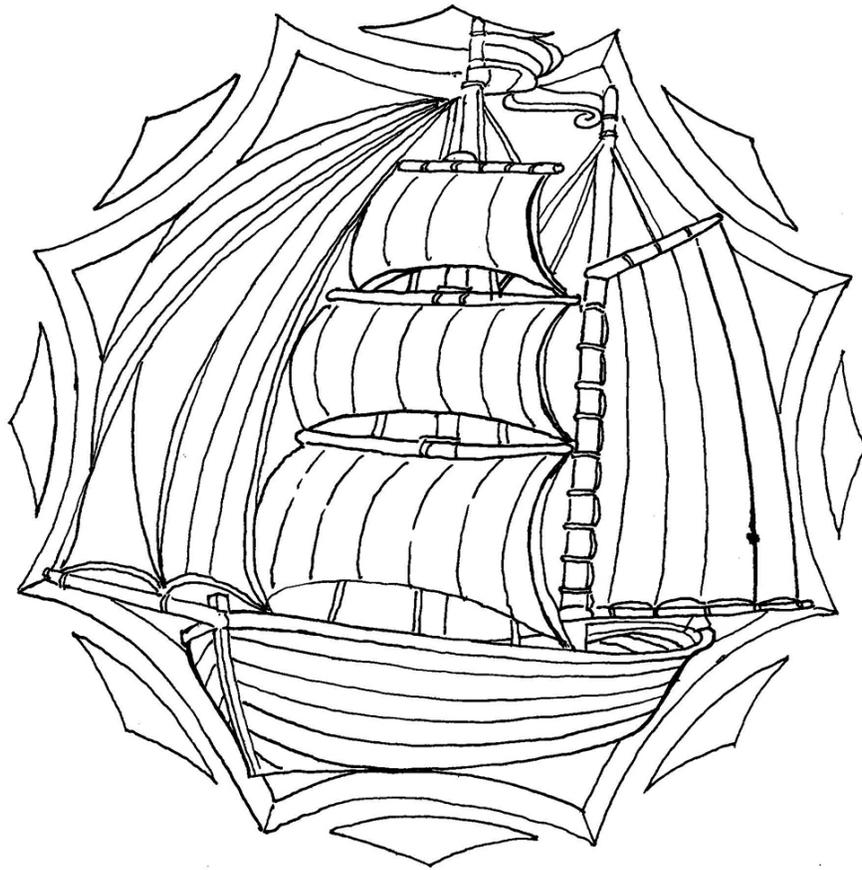


# First Presbyterian Church

August 8, 2021

Eleventh 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

*"Arioso"*

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

I will bless the Lord at all times, for praise shall spring up within me!

**O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt the name of the Lord together!**

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn

["O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"](#)

No. 610

Prayer of Confession

**We confess, O God, that we resist your renewing Spirit, for we have grown comfortable with who we are. We see the need for redemption in others, and are quick to notice the flaws in others, but we are persuaded of our own relative righteousness. Help us to see that this, itself, is the best evidence for our need for your redeeming mercy. Give us an openness to the redemptive power of the gospel, that our encounter with Jesus Christ might reshape and renew us, to the glory of your name. And now hear our own confessions, offered in silence...**

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!

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## We Celebrate our Life Together

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

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.**

Congregational Response to Prayer

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.**

## We Listen to God's Word

Moment for Children

Katy Schafer

Children ages 4 - 5th grade can leave for a LEGO lesson for the remainder of the service. Pick up in Memorial Hall.

Scripture Readings

Zechariah 8:14-17; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon

"Handling the Truth"

Ed McLeod

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn

["O Word of God Incarnate"](#)

No. 459

**\*Affirmation of Faith | 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

(8:30) "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Traditional, arr. Martin

Diane Covington, Piano

(11:00) "Lord, Lead Us"

Johannes Brahms

Chancel Choir

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above; ye heavenly host, praise Father,  
Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## We Bear God's Word into the World

\*Hymn

["Be Thou My Vision"](#)

No. 450

\*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

*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

arr. Stephen Fiess

\*All those who are able may stand.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Marie Pully and Nathan Riddlehoover by Mica and Keith Ricks.