

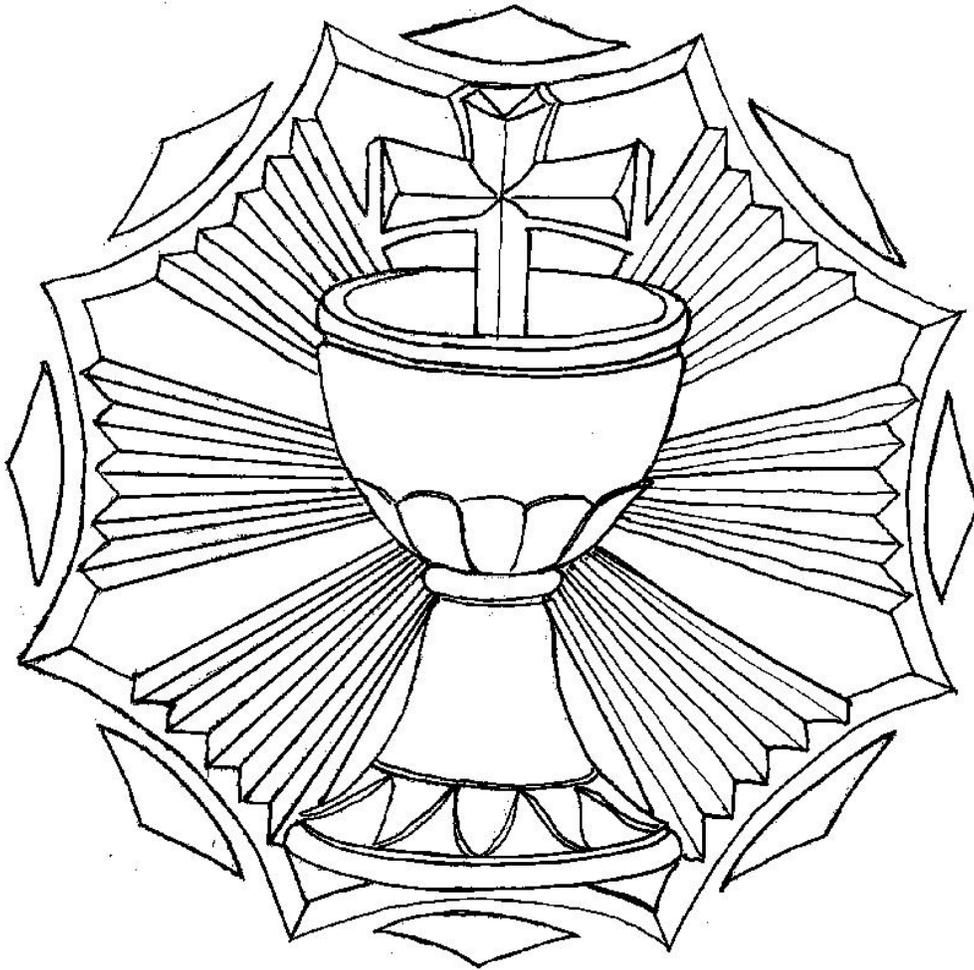
First Presbyterian Church

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

October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday



Chalice with Cross

This symbol depicts the celebration of the Lord's supper Jesus shared with his disciples and invites us to share with one another.

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"Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them saying, "drink from it, all of you." Matthew 26:27



We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
Stephen Fiess, Organist

arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

We gather from north and south, east and west to sit at the table in the Kingdom.

However we come, and whoever we are, we gather at the table as God's family.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn

["I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"](#)

No. 770

Prayer of Confession

Ed McLeod

God of abundance, you invite us to taste and see that you are good, but we prefer to live under the myth of scarcity. We hold tight to our possessions and our notions of control, not believing the truth that we are all part of your divine family. Instead of nurturing our connections with your people, we nestle ourselves beside folks like us. Free us from our small-minded notions of family or community. Unite us with your people everywhere, and let Your kingdom come. Hear now our confession 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 and Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

Bible Presentation to 2020 and 2021 Third Graders (11:00)

A Moment for Children (11:00)

Katy Schafer

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 1:1-4, Mark 10:13-16

Sermon

"The Kids' Table"

Laurie Taylor Weicher

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

["For Everyone Born"](#)

No. 769

An Invitation to Generosity | Friendship Fund receives the loose offering when communion is served.

Offertory

"There is Room at the Table"
Chancel Choir; Andy Eaton, Director of Music

David Lantz III

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements | The communion bread is gluten free.

Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

*Hymn

["Amen, We Praise Your Name"](#)

No. 598

*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

"Come, Let Us Eat"

arr. Tim Fields

* All those who are able may stand.

Today's Acolytes are Avery Thaxton and Lucy Weicher.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Micou Metcalf Browne, and Cou and Kay Browne, by Martha Luella Browne and Mary Anne Gregory Browne.