

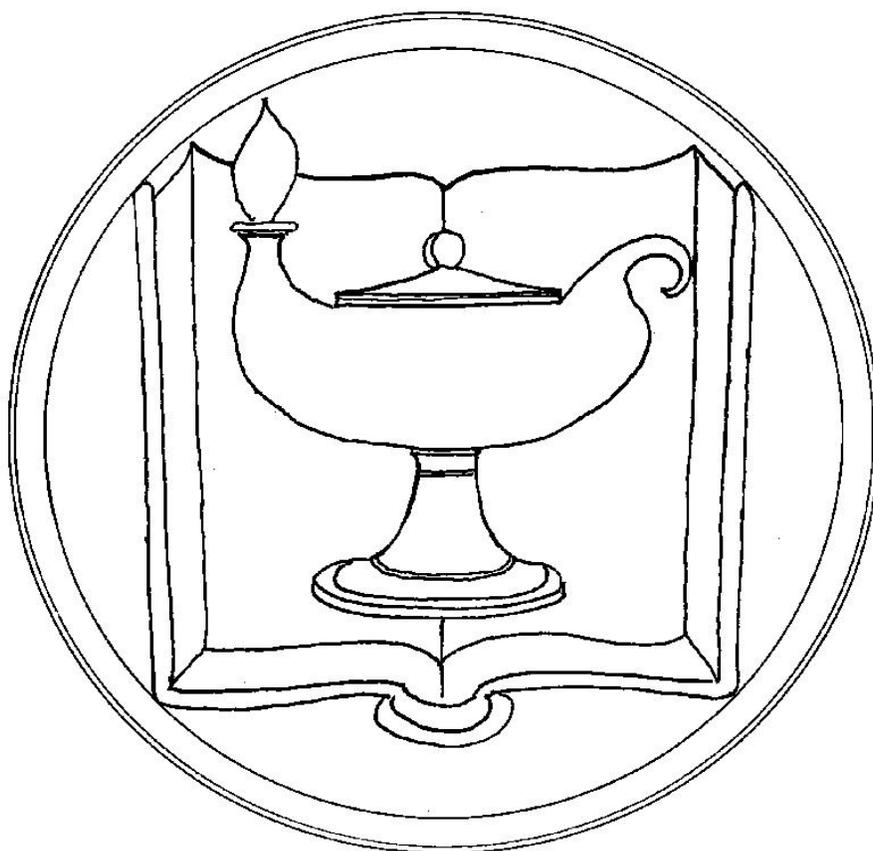
# First Presbyterian Church

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

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October 17, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105*

*The open Bible and Lamp is a symbol of the Word of God.*

*Originally on the lectern in the sanctuary, the lectern is now in the Vanguard Room.*



## We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"Air from Water Music"*  
Stephen Fiess, Organist

George Frideric Handel

Call to Worship

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**Sing praises to the Lord! With gladness, let us sing thankful songs of praise!**

\*Hymn

["Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"](#)

No. 403

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

**We confess, O God, that we are drawn to the benefits of Jesus, while looking for ways to slip past the cross. We welcome his saving mercy, poured out for us and for the world, but we have tried to keep from being emptied for the sake of others. Forgive us, O God, for being recipients of grace, and not bearers of it, for receiving divine love, and keeping it for ourselves. Make us instruments of your incarnational mercy, that we might become witnesses to the saving love of Jesus Christ. 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

Generosity Moment

Nick and Ashley Triggiano

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

A Moment for Children (11:00)

David Poisson

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

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 30:1-5; Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

"Full Disclosure"

Ed McLeod

## We Respond to God's Word

\*Hymn

["O Jesus, I Have Promised"](#)

No. 724

\*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

(8:30) "Wade in the Water"

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Andy Eaton, Baritone; Stephen Fiess, Piano

(11:00) "Grant Us Thy Peace"

Felix Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir; Andy Eaton, Director of Music

\*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

["God of Our Life"](#)

No. 686

Congregational Meeting (11:00)

\*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

*"Allegro Maestoso from Water Music"*

George Frideric Handel

\* All those who are able may stand.

Today's Acolyte is Luke Poisson.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of my parents, Red and Jennie Ritchie, and my sister, Jennie Lawrence, by Emalyne Catching.