

First Presbyterian Church

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

November 7, 2021

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



*The Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet and represent the completeness of God.
God is our beginning and end, and everything in between. This symbol can be found on the Chancel Rail.*



We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Meditation from "Thais"
Sarah Bowen, Violin; Stephen Fiess, Organist

Jules Massenet

Call to Worship

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord our God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them.
God keeps faith forever and executes justice for the oppressed.
God gives food to the hungry. Let us worship God.

*Hymn

["The Lord Is God"](#)

No. 63

Prayer of Confession

Ed McLeod

Out of immense goodness and love, you offer to give us all we need, Gracious God. You are our creator, redeemer and sustainer. Merciful God, you promise us eternal life and provision for our earthly days. We know all of this about you, but somehow fail to live it. Our vision is narrow and our understanding is lacking. Renew in us the joy of your salvation and help us to follow in the way of Jesus. Hear now our personal 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 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)

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

Isaiah 25:6-9. Hebrews 9:24-28

Sermon

"Eagerly Waiting"

Laurie Taylor Weicher

We Respond to God's Word

Remembering the Saints | See Insert

*Hymn

["For All the Saints"](#)

No. 326

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

(8:30) "Ave Maria"

Charles Gounod

Sarah Bowen, Violin

(11:00) "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir; Andy Eaton, Director of Music; Sarah Bowen, Violin

*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

["Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"](#)

No. 366

*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

"For All the Saints"

arr. Wilbur Held

* All those who are able may stand.

Avery Jane Thaxton is the Acolyte today.

Tricia Hoover is assisting with the LEGO lesson today.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Barbara Morrison Swaim, by her husband Mike and her daughter Anne.