

August 20, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude : *Präludium in C, BWV 553* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Dan Sansbury

We Worship Together

Call to Worship Elder John Joyce
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.
The LORD forgives all your iniquities and heals all your diseases.
The LORD redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
The LORD satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagles.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name! (Psalm 103)

***Hymn** 620 *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Friends, the same Psalm assures us, "*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD will not always chide, nor will He keep his anger forever . . .*" [Psalm 103.8-10]. Let us confidently approach the throne of grace, and admit to God our need of his merciful, redeeming love. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, you have called us to follow wherever you lead. And yet, we confess that we are too easily discouraged from following you. The unbelieving world is too much with us. Doubt is easier than faith. Despair is easier than hope. Forgive us, Lord, for how easily we are tempted, and how often we give in to temptation. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us anew today. Set our hearts free to follow you faithfully and joyfully. We ask this in the name of your obedient Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, remember some more words from the same Psalm: "*As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion upon his children, so the LORD has compassion upon those who worship him*" (Psalm 103:12-13). What the Psalm describes is what God already accomplished upon the cross through the death of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Wagner

***Praise of God**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***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 on 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.

***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**

Message to the Children

***Hymn** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (see insert) SWEET HOUR

Prayers of the People 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 Receive God's Word

Scripture Hebrews 12.1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Message "Is It Quitting Time?" Dr. Sansbury

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** *Tell Me the Old, Old Story* (see insert) EVANGEL

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Hustad

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

The Church This Week (8/20/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir resumes
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of August 20, 2023

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Atha Lou Gibson
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Beth O’Neal
 Marion Murphy
 Bobbie Jones
 Keller Smith
 Gene Brymer

WELCOME to worship! We are glad that you have joined us today!

“CONGRATULATIONS!” to Cody and Maggie Barton on the birth of their son, Duke Oswalt, born on August 9, 2023, and to big sister Adeline and big brother Thomas.

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues its work of seeking our next installed pastor. Members are Cathy Chapman (Chair), Kristen Miller, Katelyn Evans, Christie McLeod, John Long and Calvin Phillips. The congregation is asked to pray for our PNC throughout the pastoral search process.

The Youth Coordinator Search Committee members are Kelli Beck (chair), Kristen Miller, Katelyn Evans, Tammy Joyce, Eva Goddard and Craig Goddard. Please remember our search team in your prayers. Also, send your suggestions for this part-time position to our committee members.

Print copies of Dr. Sansbury’s previous sermons are available in the narthex, or you may request a copy mailed to you by calling the church office (843-537-7474). Focus for next Sunday, August 27: Genesis 17-18.

ELDERS are reminded of our next stated session meeting this Tuesday, August 22, at 6:00 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery during worship, please sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545afaf22ab9-nursery#/>

NEW--Pastor’s Pals! NEW activities are now available in the narthex for children ages 1st grade & up who remain during the service! Worksheets, games, and fun activities are provided for our little ones in a canvas bag labeled “Pastor’s Pals” located in the narthex. Just pick one up before the service and enjoy! We ask that you neatly place all items back in their respective bags and return to its proper place after the service so that other kids can enjoy the following week. An engaging, interactive worksheet is available for those children who pay special attention to the service. Just fill it out and see Dr. Dan after church for a prize!



The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.

For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.



Our Vision

*Rooted by God’s Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ’s Love*

The Church Staff

Dr. Dan Sansbury, Interim Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
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Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Gina Goddard	Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck
John Joyce	Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson
Christie McLeod	David Nagel	Mary Jane Evans
Calvin Phillips	Dan Tillman, III	Jean Page Watson
Charlene Tillman	Jennifer Tillman	

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