

October 1, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
Worldwide Communion Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Kum Ba Yah*

Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dan Sansbury

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship**

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty firmament!

Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 150)

***Processional Hymn** 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Friends, the Scriptures tell us that, “*by grace we have been saved through faith, and not by anything that we have done; it is the gift of God*” [Ephesians 2.8]. Because of this amazing and free gift of God, we dare to admit to God our mistakes and failures. We ask once more to be assured of his gracious, forgiving love. Let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, we offer you our praise and worship today because of the great salvation you have freely given us through Jesus Christ. And yet, sometimes our life challenges seem like giant obstacles to our faith. We are too easily intimidated and frightened by situations and temptations that can lead us away from you. Forgive us, O God, for our fears and lack of faith. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ. Strengthen us to live boldly and positively for you. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified Savior and resurrected Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Listen again to the good news! “*If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. Everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting our trespasses against us, and entrusting this message of reconciliation to us*” [II Corinthians 5.17-19].

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 *I am the Bread of Life*

Toolan

***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**

Message to the Children

We Receive God's Word

Scripture I Samuel 17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message “SURPRISING HEROES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT, IV:

David, the Youngest Leader

Dr. Sansbury

***Hymn of Preparation** 438 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

TOPLADY

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

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

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Dedication

Distribution of the Elements

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.

Communion music *How Beautiful*

Paris

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** *Onward, Christian Soldiers* (see insert)

ST. GERTRUDE

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Go with us, Lord*
Chancel Choir

TALLIS' CANON

***Postlude** *Rondeau, from Premiere Suite*

Mouret

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

The Church This Week (10/1/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Tues.	12:00 p.m.	At Ease Luncheon
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of October 1, 2023

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

WELCOME to worship! We are glad that you have joined us! Today is "Worldwide Communion Sunday," when Christians around the world participate in the sacrament as a sign of our unity in faith in our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

DR. SANSBURY completes his 13 months as our interim pastor today. The elders have asked him to preach and lead worship for us for two more Sundays, October 8 and 15. We are thankful to God for his service with us during this eventful, transitional year!

The Officer Nominating Committee has begun its work and hopes to report to the congregation soon on its nominees for the office of elder in the class of 2026. ONC members are Dan Tillman (chair), Cathy Chapman, Becky Childers, Richard Pierce and Cam Beck.

Mission Outreach Ministry will have a church grounds clean up day Saturday, October 28th from 8:00 until 12:00. Bring rakes, chainsaws, shovels, hedge trimmers and gloves. Our main focus will be on cleaning up the backyard of the Fellowship Building and manse yard.

Work has begun on the column repairs to the Session House. Unfortunately there was a mix-up on the measurements of the new columns. We are in the process of getting this issue fixed. This problem may add a few weeks or months before they can be replaced. Please know that we are working to get the job finished as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.
Robby Bennett, Chair, Administrative Committee

Our church is growing and we are so excited. The number of children attending nursery during worship has increased and we need your help! We ask that **any adult** who is willing to keep the nursery during worship, please sign up at the link listed below. We ask that **parents** with a young child attending nursery, please help us by signing up for a Sunday every other month. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer in our nursery.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545af22ab9-nursery#/>



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.

Lindsey Bennett needs our help collecting gallon and half gallon milk jugs to do a project with Pathfinders for the Jazz Festival. They plan to make musical instruments for the Bebop parade. There will be a plastic laundry basket near the nursery area for you to put the jugs in. Please save your empty milk jugs for this project. Thank you for your help in this project.

The Church Staff

Dr. Dan Sansbury, Interim Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland



Our Vision

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

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