

***Invitation to the Offering**

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Blessing for Sabbatical Times (please see insert)

WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD

We receive God's blessing as we go out to be God's people in the world.

***Hymn** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* #547

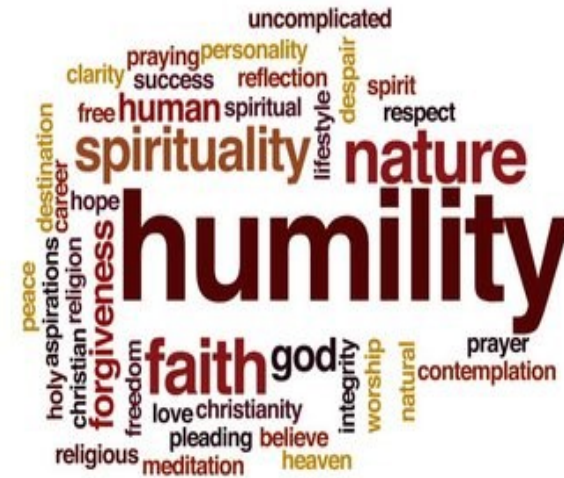
Benediction

Choral Benediction *Irish Blessing*

Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit
Come join our congregation for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the gym after worship.*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 12, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Mother's Day
Building Relationships; Sharing God's Love.



Thank You To Our Participants In Worship Today
Worship Leader ~ Melanie Goff
Ushers ~ Cathy and Emily Hagrman

PRAYER CONCERNS Be in Prayer for Monthly:
Cathy Spellman, and for all those with health issues.
Please Hold in Prayer (Long Term):
Bruce Schnitzler. All those struggling with the disease of addiction and loved ones serving in the military. Special Prayers for our world in this trying time.

Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen, Pastor
Leah Zumberge, Director of Music Ministries
David Djambov, Organist
Riley Palmer, Organist
Elisabeth Palmer, Organist
Kimberly Kvamme, Secretary
Melanie Wetzel, Secretary
Kelly P'Pool, Sexton
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Worship begins as God's people gather, praise God in words and music, and hear about God's love for us.

Questions for Reflection

What makes a mother a good mother? How is God like a mother to us?

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Choral Call to Worship

Fill My Cup

Call to Worship

Happy are those who seek God.

God is the sun, the light, and light maker.

Happy are those who delight in God's word.

God is the song, the melody, and the song maker.

Prayer of the Day

***Hymn**

As a Child Rests

#474

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

You sent your Son, O God, that we might have eternal life. You send us also, as Christ's followers, to make your name known in the world.

We confess to you the weakness of our witness. We tolerate evil, accept injustice, avoid the needy, and ignore the lonely. Sometimes we look no different from the world, as if Christ means nothing to us. Lord, have mercy on us. Purify our lives, and cleanse us of our sin. Make our lives one with Jesus Christ, that the world may know your truth and find in us the good news of your love. Amen.

Silence is Kept

***Words of Assurance**

***Response**

Glory Be to the Father

#581

Time with Young Disciples

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

We ask God's Spirit to help us understand how God wants us to live.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Jeremiah 10:1-10a NIV pp. 1188-1189

Second Lesson 1 John 5:9-13 NIV p. 1903

Special Music *Consider the Lilies* by James M. Stevens

Consider the lilies, the lilies of the field.

Consider the lilies and see God's truth revealed.

Solomon in all his glory could not compete with one of them.

Consider the lilies, and see God's truth revealed.

The Lord sees each sparrow. They do not sow or reap nor gather into barns, but God provides their feed.

Be anxious for nothing, but live with joy each day.

God will meet your every need. The just will live by faith, the just will live by faith!

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Third Lesson Luke 15:25-32 NIV pp. 1624-1625

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: What is Lost Must Be Found

Sermon "Older Son" Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen

***Hymn** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #465

***Affirmation of Faith - 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 arose 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.

A Blessing for Sabbatical Time

Opening

Oh God, make speed to save us!
Oh Lord, make haste to help us!

A Meditation on Psalm 46:10 (From Henri Nouwen)

Be still and know that I am God.

Be here. Be still. Be quiet. Be silent. Be tranquil. Be present. Be Now. Be here. The first task of the disciple is to be with the Lord, to sit at his feet, to listen, and to be attentive to all he says, does, and asks. Our Lord is all we need and want. Our stronghold, our refuge, our shepherd, our wisdom. God cares for us, feeds us, gives us life.

Be still and know that I am God.

To be still is hard. It means to let God speak to us, breathe in us, act in us, pray in us. Let God enter into the most hidden parts of our being. God touch us even where it may hurt us and cause us pain. To be still is to trust, to surrender, to let go, to have faith.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still. God is and God acts. Not once in a while, not on special occasions, but all the time. Be still and listen to the one who speaks to you always, feel the actions of the one who acts always, and taste the presence of the one who is present always.

Know. Come to know real knowledge, full intimate knowing.

A form of diagnosis, a knowing through and through. A knowing with the heart, a knowing by heart. Be still and know. Come to that still knowledge. There is a very restless knowledge, a confusing, distracting, dividing knowledge. But knowing God is a knowing of the heart, of the whole person. It is a knowing that is also seeing, hearing, touching, smelling.

Be still and know that I am God.

That is not meant to be a fearful knowledge, but a peaceful knowledge. God is not a God of the dead, but a God of the living. God is not a revengeful God, but a God of love. Know that I am God, your God. The God who is only love, the God who touches you with his limitless and unconditional love.

Be still and know that I love you.

That I hold you in the palm of my hand. That I have counted the hairs of your head. That you are the apple of my eye. That your name is written in my heart. "Do Not Be Afraid...it is I." There is nothing in us that needs to be hidden from God's love. Our guilt, our shame, our fear, our sins. He wants to see it, touch it, heal it, and make himself known. There is no other God than the Lord of love.

Be still and know that I am God.

God is not in the storm, nor in the earthquake, nor in fire, but in the still, small voice, the gentle breeze, and the sheer silence. Be still and know that I am God. Take these words with you in the week to come. Let them be like a little seed planted in the good soil of your heart and let it grow.

Be still and know that I am God.

SILENCE

Prayer for God's Blessing

O Holy One, we bring Phil before you, our brother in Christ, our leader and friend. We send him on sabbatical with our earnest prayers, asking your blessing upon him and upon First Presbyterian Church while he is away.

May this sabbatical be a time of quiet excitement in you. May his rest be deep and rich. May his mind be clear and focused. May this season of rest in you be full of consolation.

Guide his steps, O God. May he know your accompanying presence each day and find you ready and longing to be with him.

In these weeks away, may he enjoy a release from leadership responsibilities, a childlike curiosity, and a thorough refreshment of mind, body, and soul.

Grant to him, we pray, times of reading, times of play, times of deep contemplation, of rich conversation, of both leisurely dreaming and focused reflection. And enable him to gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation.

Guard him, O God, from discouragement and loneliness. Shield him from the evil one.

Hear your servant when he prays to you, Holy God. Help him to worship you freely, whether in multitude or in solitude, joy or sorrow, in strength or in weakness. Watch over him, and draw him close to yourself.

And for those of us who will hold responsibility for tending the work of the congregation while he is away, O God, grant us wisdom, discernment, insight, and passion.

Accomplish your purpose among us, O God. Tune our hearts to the voice of your Spirit. Wake us to be present to you and to one another in the tasks that are ours to do. And now we seek a word of counsel and blessing.

Hear these words from Scripture: Beloved, hear these words from the apostle Paul, to God's people in Corinth. Let them be my word to you as well. "And that's about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all" (from 2 Corinthians 13:11, 14, The Message).

All: For your sake, O God, guard us all from the evil one, that your plans for this sabbatical may not be altered, but will be accomplished according to your will and power.

Through Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

BULLETIN BOARD

Come Join **Agape Fellowship**
May 16th At **Noon**
for One Cup Salad Luncheon!!
Please bring one cup of your
Favorite Salad Topping!!!!
Lettuce, Drinks, Dressing
and Dessert provided



A Note from Lois Wrigley:

Lois apologizes for not writing, but hasn't been able to write for several months due to health. She just recently had surgery for a detached retina and is recovering. Her new phone number is 1-402-587-5156.

ATTENTION!

The Community Food Basket is again collecting 12 count egg cartons. If you can help with this, please bring the cartons to the church and place to the right of the main doors in the foyer.

CONNECTIONS BOOK GROUP

“The Ladies Auxiliary”
by Tova Mirvis
May 13, 7:00 p.m.
in the Lower Lounge.



WANTED!! SINGERS AND MUSICIANS

We would like to invite you to perform special music during this summer. We invite people who enjoy lifting your voices or playing instruments to enhance and guide the worship experience. Please don't hesitate to call Leah for more information:

831-233-2942; or email at leahzumberge@gmail.com.

UPCOMING DATES

05/12 Worship/Fellowship
05/13 Connections
05/14 Bible & Coffee
05/14 Committee Meetings
05/15 ROMEO
05/16 Agape
05/16 Westminster Choir (Last)
05/19 Worship/Fellowship --Welcome Pastor Nancy!

BIBLE AND COFFEE
Tuesdays at 9:00 am
@ Greenhouse Coffee
2299 E. 17th St.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

You may unite with the church in any of the following ways.

1. Transfer of Letter—If you have an active membership in another church.
2. Reaffirmation of Faith—If you have an inactive membership in another church or if you are a member of a church not granting letters.
3. Profession of Faith—If you have never been a member of any church.

Join with
R.O.M.E.O.
(Retired Old
Men Eating Out)
Wednesdays
10:00 a.m.



The Sunday Service is
on our website!
www.fpcidahofalls.org

Submit Prayer Requests to
iffpcprayers@gmail.com

I wish I could help, but...

Keeping up with food supplies is a constant challenge as more and more people are in need. The pantry is always in need of any and all nonperishable food items, particularly canned vegetables, ramen noodles, macaroni & cheese. This is a continuation of the Christmas Baskets Project that does not end with Christmas and is dependent on all of us. There are canvas bags available at the east entrance, by the elevator for your donations.
Thank you to all who have given food when needed.