

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 6, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 468 *In My Life* LORD, BE GLORIFIED

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Isa. 55:1-5*

One: Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

All: If you have no money but you're hungry, come and receive wine and milk without a price tag.

One: Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you?

All: Why do you work for what does not nurture you?

One: Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

All: Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life.

One: Become a witness of God's free gift of grace to all people.

All: They will come running to you because our Covenant God will raise you up, transform you, and make you shine!

***HYMN 403** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION *from Ps. 145:18*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *from Ps. 17:1; Ps. 145:19; Isa. 55:2*

**God of justice and mercy,
we admit that we are not always free of deceit.
We are fooled by the false promises of the world
into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us.
Hear our cry and save us, dear God,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Ps. 145:8; Isa. 55:1*

Here is good news for everyone: God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love, and gives us forgiveness and grace. We do not have to earn it with sacrifice because it is a free gift from a generous God!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***RESPONSE 581** 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.**

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from Isa. 55:1;*

Matt. 14:20

FIRST READING PSALM 23

(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 470 *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* LONGING

SECOND READING MATTHEW 6:25-33

SERMON "The Lack of Want" Rev. Dr. Ray Mendenhall

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 803** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** CHURCH CREED

**We believe God's love sets us free
as the church with a common heritage,
bound together as one family,
nourished by the gift of His Son.**

**We believe God's love set us free
from fear, judgment, and death.**

**We believe God's love set us free
with energy and strength for commitment.**

**We believe God's love set us free,
renewing our faith, hope, and trust.**

**We believe God's love set us free
to worship, to love, to accept love, and to live.**

We believe God's love set us free!

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM
*God has been generous in providing for our needs.
Let us give back a portion
of what has already been given to us.*

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *from Ps. 145:15; Isa. 55:5*

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 20** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING**
HYMN *Irish Blessing* *inside back cover of hymnal*

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Wed., Aug. 9 @ 12:00pm - Packing Food Boxes @ GFP
Wed., Aug. 9 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting
Wed., Aug. 9 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Aug. 10 @ 4:45pm - Fellowship Committee Meeting
Thur., Aug. 10 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Sat., Aug. 12 @ 10:30am - Needle Workers Group

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Paula Burlew
Ushers.....Autumn & Forrest Brock
Sound.....Mary Beth Waller
Coffee Plus.....Cindy Fountain

First Reading—Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;
 3 he restores my soul.
 He leads me in right paths
 for his name's sake.
 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil,
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff,
 they comfort me.
 5 You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
 my whole life long.

Second Reading—Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Mary Beth Waller’s mom, Wilma Boyd; Carol Prater; Jennifer Williams; Erin Stephens’ mom; Rebecca Davis; Richard Wright’s sister Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Dave Fraley and family; Nora Harp; Jared and Ann Hines; Jack Reynold's children; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of July	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$13,455	\$13,934	\$94,141	\$97,536
Non-Pledged	\$4,785	\$3,154	\$28,396	\$22,080

Assisting in Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....
Ushers.....Linda Bonardel & Zack Vaught
Sound.....Josh Jones
Coffee Plus.....Sherry Brown
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....The Rev. Dr. Ray Mendenhall

Deacons:

Paula Burlew Eileen Stockham Carol Prater
 Cindy Fountain Mary Beth Waller Stephanie Ousley

Elders:

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Forrest Brock	Charles Leveridge	Kelly Joplin
Kimberly King	Zack Vaught	Sharon Mandt
Chris Phillips	John Wright	Perry Waller

First Presbyterian Church

August 6th, 2023

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



Hochhalter, Cara B.. Consider the Lilies, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59297> [retrieved July 31, 2023]. Original source: Cara B. Hochhalter.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ’s peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.