

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JULY 30, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 63 *The Lord Is God (vrs.1,2,&3)* AZMON

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We will praise you, O Lord, with all our hearts.

All: We will tell of all your wonders.

One: We will be glad and rejoice in you.

All: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*HYMN 634 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious Lord, you call us through your Son.

You command us to go into the world to share the good news that people may believe, be redeemed from sin and become Christ's disciples.

Forgive us when in word and action we fall short of your command and call. Through Jesus Christ your Son, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING PSALM 19:1-11

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

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

ANTHEM 762 *When the Poor Ones* EL CAMINO

SECOND READING LUKE 10:25-37

SERMON "Four Creeds for Living" Rev. Jim Gilbert

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

*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;
on 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 life everlasting. Amen.

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

*As a redeemed people,
we live for giving thanks!
We understand that everything we do
and everything we have,
comes from God, whose unconditional love
lift us up each day.
Let us continue our thanksgiving,
with grateful hearts,
by giving of what God has provided.*

OFFERTORY

TEN CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

*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

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* SICILIAN MARINERS

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

HYMN 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing(vrs1)* SICILIAN MARINERS

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

Tue., Aug. 1 @ 5:00pm - Christian Education Meeting
Thur., Aug. 3 @ 4:00pm - Worship Meeting
Thur., Aug. 3 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Fri., Aug. 4 @ 7:30am - Men's Breakfast

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Cathy Wright
Ushers.....Linda Bonardel & Zack Vaught
Sound.....Josh Jones
Coffee Plus.....Sherry Brown

First Reading—Psalm 19:1-11

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. ⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Second Reading—Luke 10:25-37

²⁵An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Dave Fraley and family; Ed & Linda Cook; John Wright; Nora Harp; Jon Burlew; Hannah Vaught's Brother-in-law, Steve Cravens; Jeff & Kathy Bishop's daughter, Ashley; Jared and Ann Hines; John Joplin; Jack Reynold's children; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Sherry Woodall's sister, Ardenia; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of June	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$8,975	\$13,934	\$80,686	\$83,603
Non-Pledged	\$5,106	\$3,154	\$25,242	\$18,926

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Marshall Judy
Ushers.....Richard Wright & Mary Jones
Sound.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Brenda Wesley
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Jim Gilbert

Deacons:

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

Elders:

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

First Presbyterian Church

July 30th, 2023

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



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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.