

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR OCT. 6, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 531 Seed, Scattered and Sown (refrain only) SCATTERED SEED

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Ps. 8:1, 9; Heb. 2:12

One: To my siblings in Christ I will tell your glory:

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

One: In the great congregation I will sing your praise:

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

*HYMN 630 Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADER’S HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION from Heb. 1:3–4, 9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) from Gen. 2:18–24; Mark 10:2–12

Loving God, you created us
to live in relationship with you,
to love and serve one another,
and to care for all your creatures.
Yet, in the hardness of our hearts,
we dismiss your commandments
and seek to go our separate ways.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Redeem, restore, and re-create us,
for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Ps. 8:4; Heb. 2:6,10–12

One: What are we that God is mindful of us?
Who are we that God should care for us?
Yet God now calls us beloved children;
Jesus now claims us as sisters and brothers.
This is the good news of God’s grace:
In 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 from Heb. 1:1–2

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

FIRST READING PSALM 8

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

ANTHEM Come, Share the Lord Bryan Jeffery Leech

SECOND READING HEBREWS 1:1 -4, 2:5-12

SERMON “The Waiting is the Hardest Part” Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 531 Seed, Scattered and Sown SEED SCATTERED

*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 SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord!
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!
- prayer continues -

THE LORD’S PRAYER page 35 in hymnal

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING BACK TO GOD’S KINGDOM

OFFERTORY Special Music: My Lord, What a Morning Hannah Vaught
Jay Althouse

*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. 8:6

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 625 O Lord My God HOW GREAT THOU ART

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION from Mark 10:2–16

*BLESSING

HYMN Irish Blessing Inside back cover of hymnal

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan
this QR code with your smartphone to fill
out our online form, or fill out a pew card
and drop it in the offering plate.



This Week

TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Tue., Oct. 8 @ 5:00pm - Earth Care Team Meeting
Wed., Oct. 9 @ 12:00pm - Packing Food Boxes @ GFP
Wed., Oct. 9 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting
Wed., Oct. 9 @ 6:30pm - Choir practice
Thur., Oct. 10 @ 10:30am - Spiritual Practices Group
Thur., Oct. 10 @ 4:30pm - Congregational Care Meeting
Thur., Oct. 10 @ 4:30pm - Deacon’s Meeting
Sat., Oct. 12 @ 10:30am - Needle Workers Group

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Brenda Wesley
Ushers.....Suzanne Kidd & Linda Bonardel
Audio, Video, & Coffee Plus.....Fall Picnic

First Reading—Psalm 8

¹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading—Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

²⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them?

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Ed & Joyce Mick; Autumn Brock’s mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving				
	Rec’d month of Sept.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$12,645	\$11,985	\$121,879	\$107,868
Non-Pledged	\$7,094	\$3,289	\$46,111	\$29,597

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Marshall Judy
Next Week.....Linda Cook & Sandra Harris

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Naomi Judy
Ushers.....Erin Stephens & Richard Wright
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Pastor.....Rev. David Holden

Deacons:

Linda Cook	Sue Guffey	Don Haney
Nancy Holland	Marshall Judy	Marci Randall

Elders:

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright

First Presbyterian Church

October 6th, 2024

World Communion Sunday



God reigning in majesty, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=55258> [retrieved September 30, 2024]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Pantocr%C3%A0tor_de_Ta%C3%BCII.jpg.

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.