

First Presbyterian Church  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – Morning Worship  
Matthew Schultz– Pastor  
Jan Gruhn - Organist

**Prelude:** “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Hancock

**Welcome and Opening Prayer** Rev. Matthew Schultz

✠ **Hymn:** “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” #578

**Time of Reconciliation** Liturgist Max Norvell

Leader: Lord, we admit that our lives fall short of your glory.

**All: Have mercy and forgive us.**

Leader: You have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit for us, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

**All: Have mercy and change us.**

Leader: Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others.

**All: Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Leader: When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

**All: Have mercy and deliver us.**

Leader: In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

**All: Have mercy and forgive us.**

Leader: Through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word,

**All: Transform and renew us to follow you with joy.**

Leader: All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: In the silence of our own hearts, we ask God to forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

**Moment of Silent Confession**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

✠ **Response** *Gloria Patri* #805

**All: 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.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Time for Children**

**Special Music** “Be Still My Soul” Kaylee Vardeman  
(Sibelius)

Scripture Psalm 46 Page 559  
Scripture 1 Kings 19:9b-13 Page 351

**Sermon** Rev. Matthew Schultz

Response

✠ **Hymn** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #60

**Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Gifts can also be offered via our website)**

**Offertory** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Arr. Hopson

Response

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral prayer/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.*

✠ **Hymn** “Christ Beside Me” #543

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Paeon” Young

### Announcements for September 4

The children will stay for the entire worship service today so they can participate in communion. Children's storybooks and worship clipboards are available for children to use during the service. The childcare center is open for children five and under during the service as needed.

Chancel Choir is starting up with the first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. No auditions required. It is a great chance to join our group and learn new music and gain singing guidance. If you haven't sung for a while, or have no experience at all in choir singing, now is your chance to help us and help yourself! If you have any question, please feel free to ask! Jim Powell 229-1013.

A-Men Lunch will be on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 (noon) at Denney's on the corner of Northern Lights & Benson.

First Presbyterian Church will be kicking off our fall programming on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a continental breakfast and Sunday school at 9:30 and worship at 11 am. Watch for more information on ways to connect with others and grow in your faith during the upcoming year.

"Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with singing." Psalm 100:2. Children, come join Primary Choir and Praise God in song. Practice begins next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:40am in the Fellowship Hall. See you there-Miss Joan.

Here's a bit on the upcoming adult education class for this fall:

Jesus through the Eyes of the Prophets. Have you ever wanted to learn more about Old Testament prophecies of Jesus? And who wouldn't have loved to walk to Emmaus road with Him, as He opened the eyes of some of His disciples to these prophecies, showing His overarching, divine plan? Come join us as we dive into these discussions, marveling at God's wondrous design and listening for His voice! Starting at 9:30 Sunday, September 11, we'll be meeting in the room at the top of the stairs. We hope to see you there, as we learn from each other!

All 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders and your parents are invited to our first youth group gathering for this year. It will be a potluck on Sunday, September 18 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. We will gather at 1 pm for lunch and then plan together for the upcoming calendar year. Currently, three churches participate (First, Trinity and Anchor) on a regular basis in our youth group gatherings. We meet at both churches for our meetings usually on the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> at Trinity and the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church. Parents are encouraged to come to this meeting so we can get you on board for what our vision is for the year and to find ways for you to help with the planned activities. For more information please contact Danna Larson ([dllsitka@gmail.com](mailto:dllsitka@gmail.com)).

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