

First Presbyterian Church  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – Morning Worship  
Matthew Schultz– Pastor  
Marie Matetich - Organist

**Prelude:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Hobby

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

✠ **Hymn:** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” #34

**Prayer of Confession** Liturgist Max Norvell

Leader: The apostle Paul reminds us that God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Confident in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**All: In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Leader: We pause now for silent prayer, to ask God’s forgiveness, and to forgive those who have sinned against us.

**(Silent Prayer)**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, hear and 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**

**Moment for Mission** ECWS Ralph Duerre

**Time for Children**

**Choral Anthem** “Oh, How Good It Is” arr. Hoelscher

**Scripture Reading One: Psalm 133 (shared reading)**

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Leader: How good and pleasant it is  
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**All: How good and pleasant it is  
when God’s people live together in unity!**

Leader: It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron’s beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.

**All: How good and pleasant it is  
when God’s people live together in unity!**

It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.

**All: How good and pleasant it is  
when God’s people live together in unity!**

Scripture Acts 4:32-37 Page 1081

**Sermon** Rev. Matthew Schultz

Response

✠ **Hymn** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” #557

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

**Offertory** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Wood

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** “For the Fruit of All Creation” #379

**Postlude:** “Toccata on Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Travis

*Oh, How Good It Is*  
music & words: Getty, Holmes & Townsend  
arr. Hoelscher

Oh how good it is  
When the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit  
In faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace,  
Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence  
Here among us.

CHORUS

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord And with one heart we'll live out His word Till  
the whole earth sees The Redeemer has come For He dwells in the presence of His  
people.

Oh how good it is  
On this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy  
And weep with those who mourn.

For the weak find strength  
The afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing  
Of belonging.

CHORUS

Oh how good it is  
To embrace His command  
To prefer one another  
Forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one  
We all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father  
And the Spirit.

CHORUS

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