

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**September 7, 2014, 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship**  
**Matt Schultz - Pastor**  
**Marie Matetich - Organist**

Prelude: *“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”* Hobby

Greetings and Opening Prayer

*Please sign an attendance card and pass it down the row.*

Introit

**Call to Worship** (*Inspired by Psalm 150*) Liturgist: Diana Rotkus

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Leader: Praise God in the vault of heaven.

**All: Praise God in the earth and skies.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord.

**All: Shout and sing praises to God.**

Leader: We have witnessed God’s mighty acts.

**All: We have seen the Lord’s greatness.**

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**All: Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!**

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

**Time of Reconciliation**

Leader: When the busyness of our lives erodes the intentions of our hearts:

Merciful God,

**All: Forgive us,**

Leader: When we keep putting off being more active “doers of the word”:

Merciful God,

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: When we resist change, knowing that our acting and thinking are limited by our prejudice and ignorance:

Merciful God,

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: When we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard:

Merciful God,

**All: Forgive us.**

Leader: We confess our sins now in silence.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: The mercy and grace and love of God far outweighs what we think possible, for, as we confess our sins, God forgives us and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Sister and brothers, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel, In Jesus Christ, all 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**

Choral Anthem *“At the Table of the Lord”* Martin

**The Word**

**Time for Children**

First Scripture Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 (Page 658)

Second Scripture James 2:14-26 (Page 1197)

Sermon: Pastor Schultz

**The Response**

✠ Hymn *“O God, Who Gives to Humankind”* #399

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory      *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”*      Cherwien

✠ **Response**                      **Doxology**                      **#809**

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**

**The Lord’s Supper**  
**Invitation to the Table**

✠ Song of Preparation

*“Search me, O God”*                      #458

**Pastor Prayer and The 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*

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements**

✠ Hymn                      *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*                      #708

✠ **Benediction**

Postlude                      *Grand Recessional on Praise to the Lord*

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