

First Presbyterian Church
April 23rd, 11:00 am – Morning Worship
Matthew Schultz – Pastor
David Hagen – Music Director
Jan Gruhn – Organist

Prelude: “Paraphrase on “Thine Is the Glory”” Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Schultz

Introit Chancel Choir

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

Time for Reconciliation Liturgist Bill Hazelton

Leader: We are given the gift of God’s grace, and are wholly and dearly beloved by God, right now, as we are. And yet we are called to grow in our faith, to love and give and serve in an ever-more Christlike way. For those times when we have fallen short of this call, we ask God for forgiveness.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God who delivers and redeems, we have failed to live into the promise of new life. Forgive us for when we have been afraid to enter troubled waters to help the poor and downtrodden.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Forgive us for when we have sought ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the hungry and sick in our world.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Forgive us for when we have lived a narrow faith, thinking of only our own salvation.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Forgive us for when we have not sought you in prayer for our way, our truth, and our life.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of Your love for the whole world.

We pause now for a moment of silent confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness (from 2 Corinthians 5: 17)

Hear the good news: Those who are in Christ are a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, to whom we have been reconciled through Christ. And so I declare to you that 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 the Peace

Time for Children/ Moment for Mission

Tammy Lindemuth & Elaine Junge

Choral Anthem “Praise to the Lord”

Scripture Colossians 3:1-14 Page 1167

Sermon Rev. Matthew Schultz

✠ **Hymn** “May the Mind of Christ My Savior” #560

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

Offertory “Triumphantly Risen” Anderson

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

