

First Presbyterian Church
September 17th, 11:00 am – Morning Worship
Matthew Schultz – Pastor
David Hagen – Music Director
Jan Gruhn – Organist

Prelude: “Partita on ‘If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” Albright

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Schultz

Introit Chancel Choir

✠ **Hymn:** “Tell His Praise in Song and Story” #347

Time of Reconciliation Liturgist: Dennis Berry
(based on Matthew 5: 38-48, Romans 12: 9-21)

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived up to the example set by Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. We confess how difficult it is to truly love the people around us; to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own, to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious. Forgive us.

All: Teach us to whole-heartedly love one another.

Leader: We confess how often we act out of our own self-interest; putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others, hoarding our resources rather than sharing them freely. Forgive us.

All: Teach us to live with generosity and compassion.

Leader: We confess how easy it is to do what we know is wrong: to rationalize our bad decisions and behaviors, to make excuses for our sinful thoughts and actions. Forgive us.

All: Teach us to turn away from what is wrong, and pursue what is right.

Leader: You tell us not to conform to the pattern of this world, to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, and to see the world with new eyes.

All: Through Your Holy Spirit, continue the work that You have begun in us, so that our words and deeds may bring honor and glory to You.

Leader: We pause now to offer our confessions silently to God.

Moment for Silent Prayer

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Sisters and brothers, hear 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 the Peace

Kid’s Time

Moment for Mission Gambell Mission Team

Choral Anthem “Fairest Lord Jesus” Chancel Choir

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Sermon Rev. Matthew Schultz

✠ **Hymn** “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” #502

Moment for Mission Crop Walk Max Norvell

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

Offertory “Now that Daylight Fills the Sky” Wood

