

First Presbyterian Church
September 24th, 11:00 am – Morning Worship
Matthew Schultz – Pastor
David Hagen – Music Director
Jan Gruhn – Organist

Prelude: “Exultation” Wood

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Schultz

Introit Chancel Choir

✠ **Hymn:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #77

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

Primary Choir “Children’s Prayer” German Folktune

“Praise Him, Praise Him” Traditional

Kid’s Time

Moment for Mission ECWS Ralph Duerre

Choral Anthem “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” Chancel Choir

Scripture Mark 10:17-27 Page 1002

Scripture Romans 3:19-24 Page 1114

Sermon Rev. Matthew Schultz

✠ **Hymn** “Search Me, O God” #460

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

Offertory “God Himself is Present” Cherwien

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

Pastor 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 *"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"* #636

Benediction

Postlude: *"Toccata in Seven"* Rutter

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earth-born passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe oppressed,
let me Thy loving servant be,
and taste Thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid the battle's strife.
In my time of need
be my health and live.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point Thou the heav'nly way.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 24, 2017**



**DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD,
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.
THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE
WHAT GOD'S WILL IS—HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.
ROMANS 12:2 (NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)**

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