

Order of Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo  
September 4, 2022



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**Prelude** *"Prelude in C"* J.S. Bach  
(Thank you for placing your offerings in the baskets by the doors as you enter the sanctuary.)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**All: maker of heaven and earth.**  
One: This is the day the Lord has made;  
**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
**All: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!**

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Song of Praise** *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"* #35, Hymnal

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Merciful Lord, 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. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**  
*(quiet reflection)*

**Assurance of Grace**

One: Hear the Good News! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The Lord is gracious, slow to anger, and abiding in steadfast love.

**All:**       **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**Song of Response**                   *“Glory Be to the Father”*                   #581, Hymnal

**Passing The Peace**  
One: May the peace of Christ be with you!  
**All: And also with you!**

**Hymn Sing**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**                               Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (pg. 577-578, OT)

**Hymn Sing**

**Second Reading**                               Philemon vs. 3-7 (pgs. 215-216, NT)

**Hymn Sing**

**Prayers of the People and 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.**

**Presentation of Our Offerings**

**Doxology**                   *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #606, Hymnal

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Song of Sending**                   *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*       #541, Hymnal

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**                               *“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*                               arr. Harlan

*The Lay Leader for Worship today is Nancy Valentine*

*The Hymn Sing Leader today is Linda Wiles*

**Elders Serving on the Session**

Donna Beaver, chair, Missions committee  
Jim Christensen, chair, Building and Grounds committee  
Tom Christensen  
Craig Cose  
Dan Davis  
Mary Kabel  
Nancy Newhoff, chair, Stewardship and Finance committee  
Terry Sage, chair, Christian Nurture committee  
Nancy Valentine, chair, Worship and Music committee  
Jean Seeland, Clerk of Session

**Deacons**

Nancy Catterson  
Marsha Muir  
Mary Mumm  
Marsha Platt  
Richard Platt  
Marge Polacek

**First Church Staff**

Pastor of Visitation: Rev. Christine Kaplunas  
Linda Wiles, Organist/Pianist – Bell Choir Director  
Amber Gilles, Office Manager  
Gary Gilles, Jr., Streaming Service Operator

*Church Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9:00am to 4:00pm; Closed Fridays*