

Order of Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo
August 7, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* arr. Wolaver
(Thank you for placing your offerings in the baskets by the doors as you enter the sanctuary.)

Call to Worship **Psalm 121**

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
All: God will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
One: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
All: The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise *"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"* #327, Hymnal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against You.

You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts,
in forgetting Your love.

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



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Words of Assurance and Peace (From Romans 8:34 & 2 Corinthians 5:17)
One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
All: **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has
done; 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!**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (pgs. 204-205, NT)

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:12-17 (pg. 207, NT)

Sermon “Words of Encouragement” Rev. Dr. Dave Kivett

Song of Response “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” #353, Hymnal

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Questions to the Parents & Church

Affirmation of Faith

*For you little one, the Spirit of God moved over the waters of creation,
and the Lord made covenants with His people.
It was for you that the Word of God was made flesh
and lived among us, full of grace and truth.
For you, Brennan, Jesus Christ suffered death, rose to the newness of life,
and ascended to rule over all.*

*All of this was done for you, little one,
though you do not know any of this yet.
But we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own.
And so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled:
“We love because God first loved us.” Amen*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Prayer and Welcome

Special Music “Welcome to the Family”

*“Welcome to the family, we’re glad that you have come to share your life with us,
as we grow in love, and may we always be to you what God would have us be,
a family always there, to be strong and to lean on.”*

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 “For All the Saints” #326, Hymnal

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “When the Saints Go Marching In” arr. Wolaver

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