

Order of Worship

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday



Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign, Smith

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: The heavens declare the Glory of God!

All: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

One: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound, the night expounds God's knowledge without a word...

All: and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

One: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

All: Let us worship and praise God!

Hymn No. 409

God Is Here!

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating the Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 581

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 of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Word to Grow By

Anthem

Gather with the Saints, arr. Edwards (11:00)

Second Reading

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

Sermon

Community of Shalom, Rev. Nick Reed

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from *The Confession of 1967*, Inclusive Language Version

...New life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

Offertory

Wonderful Words of Life, Denton (11:00)

Doxology No. 606

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

Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together, Smith

Hymn No. 769

For Everyone Born

Benediction

Postlude

A Song for Celebration, Livingston

Liturgist: Susan Fillippeli

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Stephanie and Art Gill in memory of their parents.

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New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

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Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors