

Order of Worship

July 13, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

Summer Reverie, Paxton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

from *Psalms* 25

One: To you, O God, I lift up my soul.

All: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame.

One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

All: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

One: Remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and God's decrees.

Hymn No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of all mercy, as we walk through life, we often find ourselves on paths not of your making. We travel paths of pain or anger; paths of sorrow or doubt; paths of judgment or apathy. We often lose our way as we look for direction from the wrong sources. Lord of forgiveness, correct our wayward feet and minds and hearts. Enter our fickle hearts with the power of your Holy Spirit and turn our trust toward you and your promise to be with us. Mold our wills and our ways to reflect your generous compassion for us and bring us to a place of wholeness known through Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. 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

First Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Word to Grow By

Special Music

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Matthew Kincaid, soloist

Second Reading

Mark 5:25-34

Sermon

Reach out and Touch, Rev. Sharon Schuler

Hymn No. 450

Be Thou My Vision (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Apostles' Creed, Hymnal p. 35

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

Evening Star, arr. Moore (11:00 a.m.)

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

(9:00 a.m.)

Hymn No. 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Benediction

Postlude

Morecambe, Weston

Liturgist: Susan Bannon

We welcome to worship this morning the Rev. Sharon Schuler, a native of Birmingham, born and raised in the Presbyterian Church. She received her BS degree in Fashion Merchandising from Auburn University and worked for a development company for many years. She is an ordained Deacon, Elder, and Commissioned Lay Pastor in addition to becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). A second-career pastor who received her Masters of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia (a classmate of Nick Reed!), Sharon served two congregations in Florida before becoming Honorably Retired in 2021. Sharon loves preaching and teaching in the church. She currently serves on the Commission on Ministry for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley and as Co-Director of the Commissioned Pastor Program for the presbytery with her husband, John, also a CTS graduate. Sharon enjoys reading, needlework, and crafts. She and John now live in Birmingham and have four children and eight grandchildren spread across the country from North Carolina to Atlanta to Denver.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

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.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors