

Order of Worship

October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

from *Psalm 121*

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills

All: from where will our help come?

One: Our help comes not from the hills,

All: but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

All: from this time on and forevermore.

Hymn No. 401

Here in This Place

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Dr. Damion Womack

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

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

Luke 18:1-8

Word to Grow By

Anthem

God Is My Shepherd

Second Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Sermon

Core Strength, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 482

Baptized in Water (11:00)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from *The Confession of 1967*, Inclusive Language edition

New life in Christ 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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

(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

(9:00)

Hymn No. 649

Amazing Grace

Benediction

Postlude

Liturgist: Nwachukwu Agwu Ani
Guest Organist: Amy Jensen

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