

Order of Worship

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



Prelude

Adoration, Livingston

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Psalm 37

One: Take Delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of the heart.

All: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

One: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

All: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

Hymn No. 401

Here in This Place

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our 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

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Anthem

God Is Here (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

Second Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon

Love Your Enemies, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 756

O God of Every Nation (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, Sewell (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. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Benediction

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Mansfield

Liturgist: Ken Autrey

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God loving memory of their parents, their grandson, John, and in honor of their children and grandchildren by Jan and Shirley Bartels.

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