

Order of Worship

April 19, 2026

Children's Sunday



Prelude

Ode to Joy, Reagan Cooper

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: God, we've been on a journey,

All: sometimes feeling unsure or even a little scared, sometimes feeling really tired or confused, and sometimes not knowing where the road is going.

One: Walk with us today, God.

All: Be close to us, help us feel strong again, fill our hearts with excitement, and show us the way forward!

Hymn No. 515

I Come with Joy

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Dear Jesus, our Teacher,

sometimes we make unwise choices.

We forget to trust you.

We don't always show love to others.

We don't always take good care of the world you made.

We sometimes leave people out or treat them unfairly.

And sometimes we forget to have hope.

Help us grow wiser.

Open our hearts to see you—

in our lives, in other people, and in the world around us.

Thank you for always giving us another chance.

Help us make better choices and follow your path.

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

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Word to Grow By

Special Music

Holy Ground, Children's Ensemble(11:00)

Second Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Good Teachers Aren't Just Fun, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 187

Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal p. 35

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

On Wings of Song, 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

(9:00)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Hymn No. 745

Now Go in Joy, Children's Ensemble

Postlude

Honor and Majesty, Broughton

Worship Leaders: Zoe Delano, Nolan Smith, Townsend Smith, Luke Dimick, Caroline Reed, Reagan Cooper, Noah Dimick.

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