

Order of Worship

October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

Highland Cathedral, arr. Kazik

Call to Worship (Responsive)

from Psalm 65

One: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

All: you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

One: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the people.

All: Those who live at the earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Hymn No. 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Brittany Dennis-Hancock, 9 a.m.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth. 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

Romans 12:1-16

Word to Grow By

Anthem

Forevermore, Forrest

Second Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Sermon

New Life in Christ, Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (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

Variations on "Lyons," Ritter (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. 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Benediction

Postlude

Praise Be to God, Powers

Liturgist: Terry Ley

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Tal & Dottie Henson and Prentiss Pritchard, by Billy and Linda Carter.

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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