

Order of Worship

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

Call to Service, Hughes

Call to Worship (Responsive)

from Psalm 138

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

All: before the gods I sing your praise;

One: On the day I called, you answered me;

All: you increased my strength of soul.

One: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

All: your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Hymn No. 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Grace, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we are afraid to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Help us to see the image of Christ in one another, calling us to stand with and for one another. As voices motivated by fear and greed ring in our ears, may we choose to act from the love and faith that we know deeply through the power and presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name we pray.

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

Matthew 16:13-20

Word to Grow By

Anthem

Thyself in Me, arr. Courtney (11:00)

Second Reading

Exodus 1:8-21

Sermon

Who and Whose We Are, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 100

Canticle of the Turning

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal p. 35

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

He Folds and Guides Me, Martin (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. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me?

Benediction

Postlude

Recessional, Saxton

Liturgist: Julie Price.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Katie and Pyong Lee
in loving memory of John and Minnie Fries.

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