

Order of Worship

November 19, 2023

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Prelude

Prelude on "Dundee," Ritter

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: God is our shepherd.

All: And guides us towards what we need. May we be generous to one another.

One: God leads us beside still waters.

All: And is with us through the darkest valleys. May we be channels of peace for one another.

One: God anoints our heads with oil

All: And, our cup overflows! May we share out of our abundance with others.

One: Let us worship the God of all.

All: Let us worship God together!

Hymn No. 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you are wholly other, yet, you became human and called us to be like you. How can we be disciples of Christ in this chaotic world with complicated issues and diverse perspectives? It is difficult to know the right way to go sometimes. Forgive us when we get it wrong, when we are more concerned about ourselves than others. Forgive us when fear takes over and we lose faith in your love, too afraid of the unknown or of change. Forgive us for neglecting the poor and hurting. Help us to be more like Christ. Hear now our silent prayers...

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

I Kings 17:8-16

Second Reading

Psalm 23

Anthem

Celtic Laud, Courtney (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:16-26

Sermon

The Freedom of God's Spirit, Rev. Rachel Vankirk Mathews

Hymn No. 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from *The Confession of 1967*

Wise and virtuous men and women through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God's forgiveness. Thus everyone falls under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than those who assume that they are guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Prayers of the People

Offertory

The Good Shepherd, Wilson (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.

Communion

(9:00 a.m.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Hymn No. 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

Adagio, Handel

Liturgist: Karen Cochran (9 a.m.), Terry Ley (11 a.m.)

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Mary and Barry Burkhart in loving memory of Margaret Quinn.

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