

Order of Worship

September 3, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Prelude

Minuet in B-flat, arr. Hilf

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Sing a song of thanksgiving.

All: Declare God's wondrous deeds.

One: For the Lord dwells among the people; the glory of God abides with us.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn No. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. 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

Matthew 16:21-28

Anthem

Who at My Door Is Standing, arr. Scott (11:00 a.m.)

Word to Grow By

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Sermon

Genuine Love Is..., Rev. Nick Reed

Hymn No. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (11:00 a.m.)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal p. 35

Prayers of the People

Offertory

The Gentle Shepherd, Eliot (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. 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Benediction

Postlude

Festal Postlude, Powell

Liturgist: Dave Lindahl

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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