



First Presbyterian Church El Campo, Texas

First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a spiritual home that proclaims God's presence and love to all people by creating a welcoming environment for Christian spiritual growth through worship, fellowship, and education, joyfully celebrating God's love as disciples serving the community and the world.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 11, 2023

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation
Early American; arr. Nigel Williams

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We say we come to worship to be with God, but the beautiful truth is:

All: God is already with us.

One: God is always with us.

All: Let us lift our voices in praise to our loving, ever-present God!

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my
dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my
God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and
bids our sorrow cease, sings music in the
sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new
life the dead receive; the mournful waken
to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, as-
sist me to proclaim, to spread through all the
earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be
now and ever given by saints below and
saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

“Christians meet for worship on the first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead. We gather to praise the triune God, confess our sin, and seek God's grace. We hear the good news of the gospel and celebrate the Lord's Supper. We go forth to glorify God through the service of daily living.” - GTG

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. We have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. We have not moved forward in faith. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love. Amen. (Silent Confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: “Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

“God acts with grace; we respond with gratitude. God claims us as beloved children; we proclaim God’s saving love. God redeems us from sin and death; we rejoice in the gift of new life. This rhythm of divine action and human response—found throughout Scripture, human history, and everyday events—shapes all of Christian faith, life, and worship.” – PC(USA) Book of Order W-1.0102

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-20

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #625

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider
All the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
Hear the rolling thunder, thy power through out the
Universe displayed: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my
Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

“To be a Christian is to worship Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. To be a member of Christ’s body, the Church, is to share through Word and Sacrament in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.” – PC (USA) Book of Order W-1.01

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the
Birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from
Lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and
Feel the gentle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my
Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to
Die. I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
Burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to
Take away my sin: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my
Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me
Home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in
Humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My
God, how great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to
Thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my
Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour*
Robert Lowry; arr. Matthew Schinske

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

1 Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

With Pomp and Ceremony

John E. Boalt

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Wayne Clement, Preaching

Ted Lashley, Music Director

Tommy & Barbara Hitzfeld, Ushers

Mauri Treybig, Liturgist

THIS WEEK AT FPC:

Monday, June 12 – 15 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Vacation Bible School, Christ
Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 18 11:00 am – Worship

Pastor Erin will be out of the office Monday, June 12 – Friday, June 16 with the
teens at Montreat.

Prayer List

Alexander Stillman
David Urbis

Steve Porter

Vacation Bible School

This week is VBS at Christ Lutheran Church for children K thru 5th grade, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please be in prayer for our children and thanks to all who have donated and volunteered to help!

Montreat Youth Conference

Please be in prayer for our teens and adults who are travelling to North Carolina as they participate in this national Youth Conference this week!

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