



First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 20th, 2025



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Order of Worship

Prelude	Chorale Fantasia on <i>In dulci jubilo</i> , BWV 729 Trio on <i>In dulci jubilo</i> , BWV 751 Bruce Stevens, organ	Johann Sebastian Bach Johann Michael Bach
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Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Josh Andrzejewski
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Introit	<i>A Diligent and Grateful Heart</i> Libby Mullins, soprano	arr. Timothy Amukele
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*A diligent and grateful heart
prompts me to sing thy praise.
Thy love and mercies from the start
have blessed me all my days.*

*I thank Thee for the means to serve
with talents and with tithes,
for sharing brings the utmost joy
when lifting other lives.*

*O Lord, I dedicate my all
in this response to Thee.
Thy love and mercies from the start
have blessed me all my days.*

*Call to Worship

One: Come, let us worship the Lord with gladness.

All: We come into God's presence with singing.

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

We will trust and not be afraid.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 150	"As with Gladness Men of Old"	DIX
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*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess we are anxious and troubled about many things. We have chosen busyness over being, worry over worship, the urgent over the eternal. We have passed by those who needed mercy, too distracted to see their pain. We have forgotten how to be still and listen for your voice. Forgive us for our distractions and preoccupations. Teach us to rest in your presence and to trust how you fill our souls. Through Christ our Lord.

*Hymn 132 (vv. 2 & 3)	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	IN DULCI JUBILO
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*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples		Cate Jobe
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*Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.
They may be picked up from the playground following worship.*

Hymn 739 (vv. 1, 3, 4)	"O for a Closer Walk with God"	CAITHNESS
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***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Mark Ramsey

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-5, 14:8-14

NT pp. 101-103

Sermon

“From This Day Forward”

Anthem

If I Can Help Somebody
Libby Mullins, soprano

arr. Nathan Carter

*If I can help somebody as I pass along,
if I can cheer somebody with a word or song,
if I can show somebody he is trav'ling wrong,
then my living shall not be in vain.*

*If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,
if I can bring back beauty to a world up-wrought,
if I can spread love's message that the Master taught,
then my living shall not be in vain.*

*Then my living shall not be in vain;
if I can help somebody as I pass along,
then my living shall not be in vain.*

~ Alma Androzso

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. The church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. The church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. The church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death...of hatred and bitterness. We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

(Adapted from *The Belhar Confession*)

*Call to Offering

Kayla Craddock

*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Stephanie Hamilton

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.

*Hymn 351

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

CHARLESTOWN

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Mark Ramsey

Postlude

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

Mark Ramsey has been Executive Director of The Ministry Collaborative (www.mministry.org) since 2017, following serving as senior pastor in several PCUSA congregations across the country. With his wife, Elizabeth Lynn, he writes a weekly blog on the TMC platform, *Digging a Deeper Well*, which provides resources and insights for church boards. He serves as publisher of *Journal for Preachers*, founded 50 years ago by Erskine Clarke and Walter Brueggemann.

A native of Central Illinois, he is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and also received an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary.



The Belhar Confession is a Christian statement of faith that emerged from South Africa in 1986 during the struggle against apartheid. It affirms that unity, reconciliation, and justice are essential to the church's witness and declares that racial segregation is a sin that violates the gospel.

This week's usher team includes: Jim Purser, Caley Cantrell, Sherry May, Steve May, Tara Modisett

If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton (kmmfour@aol.com)

Elders at the doors: Kathy Harris, Kayla Craddock

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), new diagnosis
- Christi Barranger, health concerns
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), health concerns
- Beth Fay, recovering from surgery
- Anne Lintner (*Christa Santos' mother*), health concerns
- Mary Lynn Lunn, recovering from foot surgery
- Hayley Mathews, recovering from surgery
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sandra Putbresi (*Cortland Putbresi's mother*), health concerns
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Amy Starr Redwine, health concerns
- Liese Rohr, recovering from surgery
- Tyler Wheeler (*Susan Quinn's daughter*), upcoming surgery

Those Rejoicing:

- Ricky and Rae Munz on the birth of their daughter; Sharon Spencer on the birth of her granddaughter, Wendy Cooper Munz, on July 12.

We pray for members and family serving in the military:

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins

How can we pray for you?

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