



## **Stewardship**

Worship Service of First Presbyterian Church of Casa Grande

9:00 am Sunday, November 15, 2020

🇺🇸 **Welcome** – Pastor Paul

**Opening Voluntary** – Hymn #790 *We Gather Together*, Richard Hurley

**Call to Worship** –

LEADER: God calls us to worship,

**ALL: and we come,**

LEADER: some with laughter and songs of joy. God calls us to worship,

**ALL: and we come,**

LEADER: some from a sense of obligation or habit. God calls us to worship,

**ALL: and we come,**

LEADER: some with hearts heavy with grief. God calls us to worship,

**ALL: and we come,**

LEADER: some with distraction or exhaustion. God calls us to worship,

**ALL: and we come,**

LEADER: some with eagerness and enthusiasm. God calls us to worship,

**ALL: and we come,**

LEADER: some with stress, loneliness, or depression. As God's dearly loved children, we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope

**ALL: into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and hope.**

**Prayer of Confession** –

LEADER: Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,

**ALL: yet too often we practice pride.**

LEADER: You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,

**ALL: yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our cities.**

LEADER: You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,

**ALL: yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.**

LEADER: You freely forgave and healed,

**ALL: yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.**

LEADER: You lived a perfectly holy life,

**ALL: yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.**

LEADER: You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,

**ALL: yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.**

LEADER: You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,

**ALL: yet too often we deny you.**

LEADER: You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,

**ALL: yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture. Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory.**

**Amen.**

(Moment of silence for personal confession.) **Amen.**

Through the love and mercy of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

#### **Scripture – Psalm 123**

LEADER: <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to you,  
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.

**ALL:<sup>2</sup> As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,  
till he shows us his mercy.**

LEADER: <sup>3</sup>Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us,  
for we have endured no end of contempt.

**ALL: <sup>4</sup>We have endured no end  
of ridicule from the arrogant,  
of contempt from the proud.**

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music – Hymn #816 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*, Richard Hurley**

#### **Scripture – Matthew 16:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven.

<sup>2</sup>He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' <sup>3</sup>and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the

appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. <sup>4</sup> A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.” Jesus then left them and went away.

**Sermon** – *Have You Seen the Sign?* Pastor Paul

**How to Support Your Church** – Pastor Bill

**Benediction** - Pastor Paul

**Postlude** – Hymn #401 *The Church's One Foundation*, Richard Hurley

Senior Pastor – Rev Paul Elgin

Audio/Visual – Carl Heinle

Associate Pastor – Bill Heinle, Commissioned Pastor

Pianist – Richard Hurley

**This Week @ FPC**

Monday, November 16 - Walking Group 8:00 -10:00 am in the Family Life Center.

Tuesday, November 17- Women's Ministry 10:00 am in Room 17.

Wednesday, November 18 - Women's Bible Study will be "zooming" 10:00am

Thursday, November 19 - Walking Group 8:00 -10:00 am in the Family Life Center, Men's Fellowship 8:00 am in room 17 and via Zoom

Friday, November 20 –

Saturday, November 21 –

Sunday, November 22 – Worship @ 9:00 am in the sanctuary, 10:30 am in the Family Life Center.

For more information on any of these events, contact the church office 836-5981 or visit our website:

[www.firstpresbyteriancasagrande.com](http://www.firstpresbyteriancasagrande.com)