



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Place to Believe, Belong, and Become

*Living as disciples of Jesus, practicing hospitality,
bringing hope through worship, prayer, and fellowship*

August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRELUDE "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Traditional Spiritual, arr. D. Edwards

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord created us to live in freedom.

May the Holy Spirit guide us to follow freely.

May it be instilled in our hearts a desire

to know and love the Lord more each day.

ALL: Let us worship our amazing and surprising God!

INVOCATION *(Let us join in as we invoke the majesty and greatness of God)*

Loving God, more, much more to learn of you and trust you, to cherish and serve you to love, worship and adore you, this is our prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

All people that on earth do dwell, / Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; / Come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise; / Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, / For it is seemly so to do.

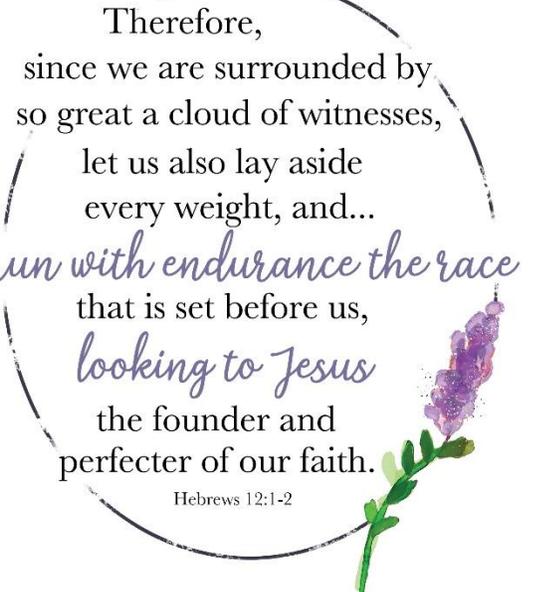
For why? the Lord our God is good; / His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, / And shall from age to age endure.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Coming to God for honest assessment and correction is one of the great privileges of being a Christian. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Let us open hearts and minds as we join in)*

Almighty God, we are all not as friends think we are, we are not even what we imagine ourselves to be. Our insight is defective, and we are not able to read ourselves accurately. You alone see the full text, the lines of glory, the pages of shame, and the unfinished sentences. You alone are capable to deal with all the secret pages of mind and heart. Make us more yours than we have ever been before, and in being more yours, become more truly ourselves.



pause for silent confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here is love. Not our love of God, but God's love for us in giving the true Son as the remedy for our sins. In the name of the Son of God—light of the world, friend of sinners, rescuer of the lost, joy of the redeemed—I declare: Your sins are forgiven and the pages of your life made new!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST *(Feel free to offer your greetings in the Chat Box)*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

⁹Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." ¹⁰Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

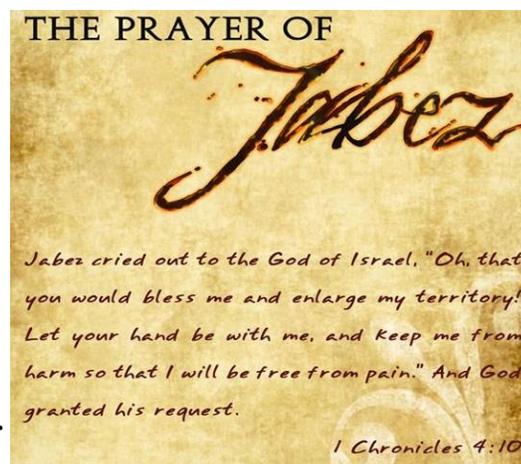
9-10 from Hebrew: "Jabez called on the Elohim of Israel, saying-: May You bless, bless me, may You increase my boundary/limitations and let Your hand be with me, and may You keep me from evil that it may not grieve me. And Elohim brought about what he requested."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"The Summons"

Donna Mehlenbacher



EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4: 1-6

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit^[a] of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[c] will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

19-20 From Greek: “I will be giving you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatsoever you should be binding on the earth shall be those things having been bound in the heavens, and whatsoever you should be loosing on the earth, shall be those having been loosed in the heavens.”

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SERMON

“Watch and Pray – Eight Prayer Watches”

Pastor Banu Moore

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

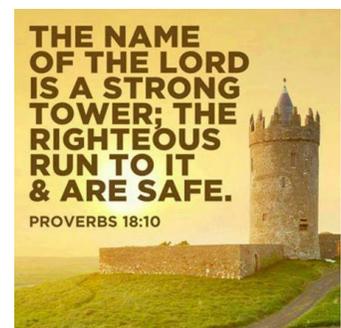
HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, / Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, / Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, / Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, / Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me / Thou hast brought me to this place.
And I know Thy hand will bring me / Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, / Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, / Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor / Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, / Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, / Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, / Seal it for Thy courts above.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

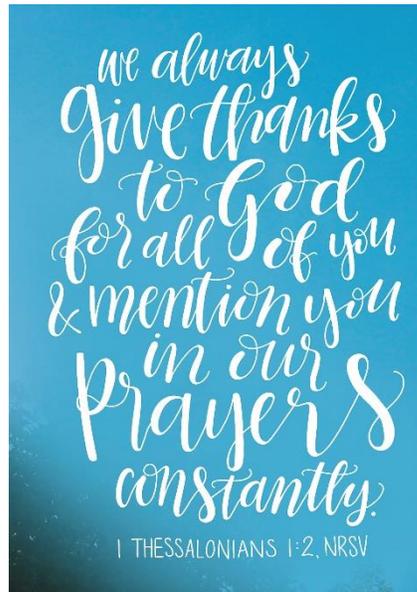
We will have a communal sharing time first with those who have video access and then with those who are on their land lines. Please also feel free to share your joys and concerns in the Chat Box. We will incorporate all of these in the Prayers of the People, which will appear in the Great Thanksgiving.

OFFERING

“Give Me Jesus”
Traditional Spiritual, arr. M. Hayes

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 *(Let us join in along as we give thanks for God’s daily provision)*

Gracious God, your compassion brings wholeness, and your forgiveness brings promise of new life. We place ourselves before you as recipients of your mercy; we make our offerings to you in response to Christ’s call. Accept them as tributes to your glory as we dedicate ourselves anew to Christ’s service. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

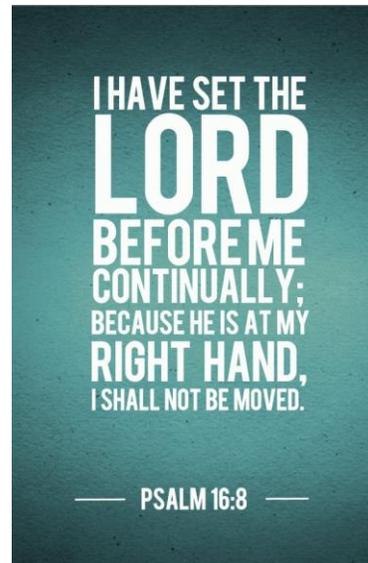
HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

O Jesus, I have promised/ To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,/ My Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle/ If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway/ If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! /The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, /The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, /Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw thou nearer, /And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking/ In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, /The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, /To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, /Thou guardian of my soul.



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“When We All Get to Heaven”

Arr. L. Leatherman

ZOOM ACCESS AND OTHER INFORMATION FOR SUNDAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship Ordinary 18 August 2 10:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83409209311>
Meeting ID: 834 0920 9311
Dial in: 646 558 8656
301 715 8592 (alternate number)

Intercessory Prayer Meeting
Aug 4, 2020 10:00 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81040075636>
Meeting ID: 810 4007 5636
Dial in: 646 558 8656
301 715 8592 (alternate number)

Not risking the weather again, we will have Fellowship Luncheon on Zoom on Wednesday, August 5 at 12:30pm instead of Outdoor Worship...
Make yourself a sandwich or two, or salad or a smoothie and let's join together for a time of sharing and laughter. Let us share what has been going on in our hearts and minds and our lives during these past several months.

1 Corinthians Bible study (chapters 12-14)
Aug 6, 2020 07:00 PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85175139294>
Meeting ID: 851 7513 9294
Dial in: 646 558 8656
301 715 8592 (alternate number)

Fellowship Luncheon Wednesday, August 5 12:00 PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88429607470>
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INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Short Term

Danny Karlik
George Raymond
Al Steigerwald
Megan & Vicki
Mike Crary
Kyle Bartlett
Stacy Coleman
Genny Salvatore
Noah Mensing
David Coleman
Terri Miller
Sarah Vitale
Terry Knapp
Teegan
Susanna R.
Terri Moore
Muriel White
Nicholas Flynn
Lexi
Lois
Margarita Martinez
Megan Riester Mensing
Donna in PA

Jan Bartlett
Luann Morin
Larry Simmons
Joseph
Laura Conley
Bob Wright
Sandy Slack
Betty Emo
Margaret Wylie

Long Term

Jared Clark
Bob & Lucia Short
Bob Schuster
Wyn Wilson
Nancy Canale
Colleen Pinckney
Carl Mattison
Brian Dahl
Rafferty Family
Becky Denton
Damian Moore
Chris Coleman
Sean K.
Tracy B.

Ben Miller
Marcella Savarese
Michael Graybill
David Tanner
Candy & Roger Graham
Lynne Osburn
Mary Casselman
Terri Young
Michael Holmes
Leeroy & Betty Green
Lois James
Dan Lupo
Darryl Schmidt
Laurie Connors
Ann Landers
Franny Hansen
Angi Tharakan (Asha & Amrit)
Kevin Casselman
Jay Clark & Emily
David Bartlett
Charles Zambito

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE GRIEVING AFTER LOSS

June Rose
Harold & Joyce Short
Dorothy Balko
Charlotte Pedersen
Jeremy & Molly
Eric Keough
Barb Estep

Jeannette Chappell
Lloyd Holdredge
Cristobal Gomez-Ramos
Jeffrey Campbell
George Floyd
Kim Whiffen
Marion Cunningham

Joe Flanigan
Vic Fandrich
*We pray for all those who
are grieving loved ones
lost to the virus...*

Special Prayer Needs

- Leaders of our church: elders, deacons, staff, pastors, Presbytery
- Holy Spirit-led guidance for our country's leaders as we work together for unity
- Those who are in confined spaces during this pandemic, especially those who are in nursing homes and prisons as well as pregnant mothers
- Safety of our healthcare workers and first responders
- Congregational transformation in a virtual world
- Health of our earth, farmers
- People involved in wars: resolution of conflict and for peace
- Opportunities provided to the body of Christ in sharing the Gospel so that a great harvest is being sown for the Kingdom
- Persecution of Christians and others in the world

- Improved race relations in our community and country
- Drug epidemic; pray for addicted and children involved

MISSIONARIES AND LOCAL AGENCIES

Gildards (France), Birds (Tyrone, GA), Esslinger-Lees (South Korea), Calvary Food Pantry & other food pantries, Chapel House, Hospice, Matthew House, Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, HUGS (Help Understanding Grief), Hospital, Prison Ministry.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE ON THE FRONTLINES DAILY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOM WE KNOW AND ARE CLOSE TO US...

Doctors, Nurses, NPs, PAs, EMTs, Pharmacists, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, Corrections Officers, Lab Workers, Navy Hospitals Staff, National Guard, Army Corps of Engineers... Lord you know them all by name lest we forget...

Truckers, bus drivers, grocery store employees, delivery people—everyone who deals with the public!

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