

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHIMES

(The congregation is asked to pray for the blessing of God upon this service.)

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength. Amen.

PRELUDE *Andante* Felix Mendelssohn

INTROIT *Gather Us In* Marty Haugen
The Sanctuary Choir

Here in this place new light is streaming, Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Now is the darkness vanished away; Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
Brought here to you in the light of this day. We shall arise at the sound of our name.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal God, we gather to worship you.
We gather, bringing our hopes and our fears, our memories and our visions.
We gather, longing for the guidance of your Spirit to give us renewal and courage for the days ahead.
Come, Christ Jesus, be in our midst.
Bless us as we remember those who have shown us your way forward.
Help us to find a clear vision for the future, as we learn to be your disciples day by day.

†OPENING HYMN, No. 443 *O Christ, The Great Foundation*
AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we open ourselves before you to acknowledge that we do not represent your kingdom well. We suffer from failures of nerve, dimness of vision, divided allegiances, withheld compassion, wasted time, and reckless speech. Minor irritations and selfish satisfactions have closed us off against the good, the beautiful, and the true. It is scarcely clear to us, much less to others, that we intend to follow Jesus.

Cleanse us of these and all our sins and faults. Bless us with the gift of a fresh start and a new resolve, so that our frail but forgiven lives may winsomely declare your praise.

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence)

KYRIE ELEISON, No. 572 Congregation and Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†ACT OF PRAISE *Gloria Patri* MEINEKE

**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

Stand, as you are able, and greet one another saying: *“The peace of Christ be with you.”* Respond by saying: *“And also with you.”*
(Children are invited to come forward now for A Time with Children.)

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Pen Peery

Children, ages 2-3 yrs. who will be going to Extended Session and children, ages 4–first grade who will be in the The Worship Center, may exit at this time through the right front door, where they will be escorted to the CE Building.

Leader: As you depart from us now, the children of God say:
Children: God be with you as you stay.
Congregation: God be with you as you go.
**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.**
**We are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-13 Elton Richey
Pew Bible, page 111; large print, page 144
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Pew Bible, page 110; large print, page 143
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Trouble with Finding a Twelfth*
Rev. Pendleton Peery

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Holy Spirit, the third Person in the Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son, of the same substance and equal in power and glory, is, together with the Father and the Son, to be believed in, loved, obeyed, and worshipped throughout all ages.

The Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, everywhere present, and is the source of all good thoughts, pure desires, and holy counsels in human beings.
By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Christ, who is the head, are thus united one to another in the Church, which is his body. The Spirit calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the Church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members.
The Spirit gives efficacy to the Word and to the ordinances of the gospel.
By the Spirit the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.

-From the Westminster Confession of Faith

†HYMN, No. 127 *Come, O Spirit* BOUNDLESS MERCY

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING
Offertory *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Robert Shaw
The Sanctuary Choir

(The congregation may follow the tune and text on page 455 of the hymnal.)

†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Great Prayer of 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. . .

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth, full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who com - es in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Come to the mystery of faith:
Christ will come to you.

.. All glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

†HYMN, No. 554 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *Go Into the World* Natalie Sleeth
The Sanctuary Choir
Go ye now into the world
And tell the story to all believers,
And I will be with you there!

†POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Minor* Felix Mendelssohn

† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of J. Murray Durham, Martha Barnwell,
and Sheree Durham by Melba Durham.

Elder Reader: Elton Richey
Ushers: Robin Jones (captain), Mary Anne Selber, Susie Nunnally, Barb Deane,
Lisa Schrott
Extended Session: Barbara Colvin
Worship Center Leaders: Lindsey Peery, Brenda Nims

Our Mission

Responding to God's grace and building upon the strength of our Reformed tradition, we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, seek to: Proclaim joyfully the Good News, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; live as a welcoming and nurturing community of faith through worship, prayer, study and fellowship; and serve others - at home and beyond our community with love, compassion, respect, justice and mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ and after His example. May God empower us by the Holy Spirit to fulfill our call to be God's people.

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WORSHIP NOTES

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance pad. There is an information center with material about our church and Presbyterianism in the foyer of the Jordan Street entrance to the sanctuary.

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN by Sitters' Registry and church volunteers. Nursery: Room CE-106; Extended Session during 11:00 a.m. worship for ages 2 yrs.—3 yrs.: Room CE-105 and The Worship Center for ages 4 yrs.— first grade: Room CE-113.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP! Bibles are available for use during worship; they are found at the end of every pew. We also provide **Worship Bags** designed for children elementary age and younger. The worship bags can be found in the narthex and at the front entrances to the sanctuary. Please return them after the service.

WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY to Sue Smith and family in the death of her brother, John Vinson, of Shreveport, February 28, 2011.

A Service for the Worship of God
Eleven O'Clock
March 6, 2011

We hope you come like the wind
at this time of despair
and that with you bring
a breath of fresh air.

We hope that you clearly say
to this poor human race
the ancient, the beautiful,
words of truth and grace.

We hope that you see now
true acts of friendship
and that you be the joy
of a new human fellowship.

We hope that you come soon,
to falseness overcome,
the watchword of promise
hands open and free.

-Jaci Maraschin, Brazil

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.