

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* Hermann Schroeder

INTROIT *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord* Cameroon melody

The Summer Women's Choir
Praise, praise, praise the Lord.
Praise God's holy name, alleluia.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
O praise the Lord with me.
Let us exalt God's name together.

†OPENING HYMN, No. 462 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*
RATISBON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and Righteous God, our judge and our redeemer, we confess that we have sinned and done wrong. We have strived to conform to this world. We have avoided the changes in our lives you would have us make. We have withheld our gifts and treasures from you and from your people.

In your great mercy forgive our sins. Transform our lives and renew our minds, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.)

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lorelei Noelle Green
Daughter of David Green and Shannon Butler-Green
Shannon Nicole Butler-Green

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' 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 on 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.

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:13-20

GraceAnne Hodgson

Pew Bible, page 17; large print, page 22

(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *Have We Any Gift Worth Giving* Alfred V. Fedak
The Summer Women's Choir

Have we any gift worth giving	So are we in flesh and bone
To the Giver of all things?	Given means of making known
What would please the ever-living,	Through the web of daily living
One true God from whom life springs?	God's own pattern of self-giving.
Not dead gold or merchandise,	Let us shun the selfish merit
But a living sacrifice:	Worldly wisdom has defined,
Worship both profound and freeing,	But renewed by God's own Spirit
Serving God with all our being.	Be transformed in heart and mind;
Christ by costly incarnation	By past mercies taught and led,
Dwelt in human time and place	Let us seek the path ahead,
To reveal to all creation	Trusting that, like those before us,
God's redeeming love and grace;	God will guide us and restore us.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-8

Pew Bible, page 151; large print, page 196

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Fleshing Out the Spiritual Life* Mr. McDowell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN, No. 291 *O God of Earth and Altar* LLANGLOFFAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *Lento molto* Dom Paul Benoit
†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH
†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 435 *We All Are One in Mission*
ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *Through the Love of God Our Saviour*
Welsh melody

The Summer Women's Choir

Through the love of God our Saviour, All shall be well; Free and changeless is his favor; All must be well; Precious is the love that healed us, Perfect is the grace that sealed us, Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All, all is well.	We expect a bright tomorrow, All will be well; Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All must be well; While his truth we are applying, And upon his love relying, God is every need supplying. All, all is well.
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†POSTLUDE *Maestoso* Hermann Schroeder

† Worshipers standing if able.

Ushers: Neil Erwin, Glenda Erwin, Carol Shockey, John Guth, Margaret Schuetze,
Paul Schuetze, Stephen Glassell, Berry Glassell

Extended Session: Sabra Bushnell
Worship Center Leaders: Lindsey Peery and Lynda Griffey

The flowers today are given to the glory of God .

WORSHIP NOTES

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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 WELCOME our Summer Women's Choir to the choir loft in August! For more information on rehearsals and what to expect, see the announcement in the bulletin Link.

WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY to Susan Whaley and family in the death of her father, Herb Byars, of Minden, LA who died on August 16, 2011, and we rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

A Service for the Worship of God Eleven O' Clock August 21, 2011 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Christian intransigence, the Christian resistance to evil, consists in this, that the Christian never allows oneself to be seduced from extending the offer of reconciliation, never lets oneself be overcome by evil, is never enticed to requite with evil, is never lead astray from the overcoming of evil with good, and therefore from the path of fellowship with the enemy. The Christian does not refuse communion to the enemy, but to evil. And for this reason communion is sought even with the enemy.

Karl Barth in *Church Dogmatics II/3*, page 721

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.
