

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 *Improvisation on* BUNESSAN Hollice S. Watson

INTROIT *The God of Heaven* GLORY
The Sanctuary Choir

The God of heaven thunders, And all the world sings,
Whose voice in cadent echoes “Glory, glory, glory!”
Resounds above the waters,

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The glory of God thunders over mighty waters,
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire;
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,
May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Psalm 29

†OPENING HYMN, No. 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
In baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

(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 Cathie Dodson

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.

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 narthex, where they will be escorted to the CE Building.

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 Genesis 1:1-5
Pew Bible, page 1; large print, page 1
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *At the Font We Start Our Journey* LAUDA ANIMA
The Sanctuary Choir

At the font we start our journey,	At the altar we are nourished
In the Easter faith baptized;	With the Easter gift of bread;
Doubts and fears no longer blind us,	In our breaking it to pieces
By the light of Christ surprised.	See the love of Christ outspread.
Alleluia! Alleluia!	Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hope held out and realized.	Life embraced, yet freely shed.
At the pulpit we are fashioned	At the door we are commissioned,
By the Easter tale retold	Now the Easter victory’s won,
Into witnesses and prophets,	To restore a world divided
By the power of Christ made bold.	To the peace of Christ as one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!	Alleluia! Alleluia!
Faith proclaimed, yet still untold.	Easter’s work must still be done.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11
Pew Bible, page 32; large print, page 42
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *What's Gotten Into You?* Rev. Pendleton Peery

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

†HYMN, No. 492 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Recognition of Disciple Bible Study Graduates

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Renunciations

†Profession 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism and the Lord’s Prayer

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *When Jesus Came to Jordan* David Cherwien

†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *Down to Earth, as a Dove* PERSONENT HODIE
The Sanctuary Choir

Down to earth, as a dove, Let us sing, sing, sing,
Came to light holy love: Dance and spring, spring, spring,
Jesus Christ from above Christ is here, ever near!
Bringing great salvation *Gloria in excelsis!*
Meant for every nation.

†POSTLUDE *Improvisation on* NETTLETON Hollice S. Watson

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of D. Thomason.

† Worshipers standing if able.

Elder Reader: Bruce Henderson
 Ushers: Carole Markham, Bill Warner, Doug Caulkins, Susan Webb, Sammy and Holly Guy, Susan Lavergne
 Extended Session: Sabra Bushnell
 Worship Center Leaders: Lisa Vickers
 Acolytes: Carl Hodgson, GraceAnne Hodgson

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. A nursery is available in CE-106 during both 8:45 morning prayer and 10:45 worship. During worship, Extended Session for 2-3-year-olds is offered in CE-105, and children 4 years - first grade are welcome in the Worship Center (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.

THE DISCIPLE STUDY GRADUATES: Julia Blewer, Karen Yoder Day, Minou Fritze, Charles and Maureen Grubb, Lorraine Guice, Marilyn Madison, Minou Olsan, Sandy Pernotto, Sue Smith, Ruth Auxter, Roberta Cawthorne, Pam Dethloff, Margaret Fontaine, Christy and John Frierson, Les Johnson, Dijji McClamroch, Pam and Bob Neff, Jamie Ogilvie, Katherine Sale, Jean Wilkey, Linda Blanchard, Nancy Broyles, Nan Carr, Shelby Guilbert, Betty Henderson, John Hoffman, Imogene Murphy, Martha Sugar, Mary Margaret Weston, and Cathie Dodson.



A Service for the Worship of God
 Ten Forty-Five O'Clock
 January 8, 2012
 Baptism of the Lord

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
 Betty Watson Shires—December 26, 2011
We express sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Betty Shires, and we rejoice with them in the assurance of resurrection.

The picture on the cover of the bulletin is of the doors of the baptistry at Duomo in Florence, Italy.

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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.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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