

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Pastor

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Let us pray for the gift of humility:

Humble our hearts, O Lord!

Where arrogance and selfishness has divided our families, communities, and nation:

Forgive us, and humble our hearts.

Where ambition hinders loving service:

Forgive us, and humble our hearts.

Where preserving self-image takes precedence over acts of mercy:

Forgive us, and humble our hearts.

(silence for personal confession and reflection)

Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves to God and God will draw near to you and, in this confession, God has. Dearly Beloved, hear and believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri *(Avery & Marsh)*

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A---men. Amen!

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*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Choral Anthem: *The New 23rd*

Ralph Carmichael, words/music

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

--Debbie LaCourt

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Pg. 640, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 54

Pg. 475, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: Mark 9:30-37

Pg. 845, Pew Bible

Sermon: *How to Get Ahead*

*Prayer of Dedication: *Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace:

where there is hatred, **let us sow love;**

where there is injury, **let us seek pardon;**

where there is doubt, **let us show faith;**

where there is despair, **let us give hope;**

where there is darkness, **let us shine light;**

where there is sadness, **let us bring joy.**

O divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console, **to be understood as to understand,**

to be loved as to love. **For it is in giving that we receive,**

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Chris Hanley, Scott Patterson, Geri Anderson, Anne Starr, Sara Miller, Emily Cummings, Mark Kaad, Karyn Daft; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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.**

The Offering

Offertory

*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 Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

*Benediction

*Response: **Let peace begin with me; let this be...**

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
Wednesday: 10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob
Young Disciples:
3:30p.m. 4-year-olds – 6th Graders
5:00p.m. 7th & 8th Graders
6:30p.m. 9th – 12th Graders
6:30p.m. Adult Choir
Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

We still need Ushers and Readers for October. *Please* check the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

Sweetbreads needed! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room or just bring them in on any given Sunday. You can also drop off sweetbreads anytime and we'll put them in the freezer to be used as needed.

Ushers: Ferrand and Gladys Ethington; Andy and Laurie Fuller

THE GREATEST THING

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The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.
I want to know You more, I want to know You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.

The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.
The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.
I want to love You more, I want to love You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is loving You.

The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
I want to serve You more, I want to serve You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

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God forgave my sin in Jesus' name;
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to:

Chorus

He said, freely, freely you have received. Freely, freely give.
Go in My name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

All pow'r is giv'n, in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n, in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name, I come to you
To share His pow'r, as He told me to: *chorus*