



First Presbyterian Church

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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10:00 am

PRELUDE *For You, My God, I Wait*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord will guide you continuously
and satisfy your needs in parched places;
you shall be like a watered garden,
whose spring never fails.

With thanksgiving and praise,
let us worship God.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy One, we bless you with all that is within us
as we remember your benefits to us.

Open our hearts to helping those most in need,
that our community and nation may be rebuilt
and restored. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** *Change My Heart, O God #695*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The prophet Isaiah assures us
that when we cry for help,
God will answer.

So then, let us confess our sin,
confident that God is ready to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and love,
we confess to you and to each other
that we have not offered food to the hungry
or satisfied the needs of the afflicted.**

**We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers
in blame.**

**We have turned away from you and our community,
pursuing instead our own self-interests.**

Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help.

**Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways,
that we may be renewed like a garden freshly
watered. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the waters of baptism we receive abundant mercy,
flowing like a spring that never runs dry.

Forgiven and freed,

we are reconciled with God and with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of justice and mercy,

by your Holy Spirit inspire us through your word,

and shape our lives according to your will.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms 103:1-8

¹ Praise the LORD, my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

² Praise the LORD, my soul,

and forget not all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your sins

and heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion,

⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The LORD works righteousness

and justice for all the oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,

his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." ¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. ¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

SERMON

Mr. Michael Donovan

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

Lift Every Voice and Sing

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord of the Sabbath,
we rejoice in offering you these gifts,
that our lives may show forth the wondrous healing
of your love in the world. Amen.**

***HYMN: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* #839**

CHARGE

Go forth in faith,
trusting in the God who heals every infirmity.

BENEDICTION

May God bless your going out and coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

We would like to thank Mr. Michael Donovan for sharing his gifts with us today.

Hymns

“Change My Heart, O God” #695

Change my heart oh God; make it ever true.

Change my heart oh God; may I be like You.

Change my heart oh God; make it ever true.

Change my heart oh God; may I be like You.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God; make it ever true.

Change my heart oh God; may I be like You.

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!” #839

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

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2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **(Refrain)**

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior, am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. **(Refrain)**