

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May 8, 2022

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Quasi Allegretto

Ludwig van Beethoven

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

Ann Geddings

MINUTE FOR MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Glenn Woodrum

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us away from the tumult of the world,
that we may focus our thoughts on things that are lasting.

People: **In God's presence we see our lives more clearly,
and the broken pieces are put back together.**

Leader: God calls us out of loneliness into a life of community.

People: **While worshiping together and caring for one another,
we find out what it means to be truly human.**

Leader: We lift our voices in praise to the God who calls us to new life.

*** HYMN 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, how difficult it is for us to be truthful before you. We want to hide our anxieties and fears, our resentments and self-centeredness. Cut through our evasions by the truth of your word and help us to be honest. God of mercy, your hopes for us are greater than our own, yet our failures do not surprise you. We confess all the ways we allow even our blessings to separate us from those less fortunate than we are. Forgive us, we pray, for the sin we cannot see, or find it too painful to confess. God of love, teach us to affirm what is good in our lives and to put behind us what is unworthy. May we live in confidence and joy in the manner of Jesus Christ. We bring our burdens to you, O Lord.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast kindness. Amen.**

*** GLORIA PATRI**

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*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**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Bob Brearley

*Following the Children's Moment, children preschool through 2nd grade are invited to
Children in Worship. Parents can pick up their children from the third floor after worship.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 23

Cooper Hill

(Pew Bible, pg. 501, Old Testament)

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

Chancel Choir with Sarah Alexander, Soloist

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Bob Brearley

(Pew Bible, pg. 34, New Testament)

SERMON

"Confessing the Shepherd-God"

Rev. Bob Brearley

*** 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.

INVITATION TO PRAYER (Remain seated) (Sing twice)

SHEPHERD ME

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation

Riley Reynolds Berger

Anna Kathryn Coker

Ellis Campbell Coker

Questions to the Confirmands

*** Congregational Vows:**

Do we as members of Christ's church promise to guide and nurture these newest members of our church?

We do.

By word and deed, with love and prayer, will you encourage each of them to know and follow Christ?

We will.

With an open mind and heart, will you hear their voices, ideas, beliefs and hopes for the church?

We will.

With a desire to witness the church grow and change, will you partner with them as leaders not only of tomorrow, but of today?

We will.

Confirmation Prayers

Welcome and Presentation of Gifts

Caron and Jimmy DuRant

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Anthem

Meditation

Jules Massenet

Krystin Baier, Violin and Michael Baier, Cello

*** Doxology**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*** Offertory Prayer**

*** HYMN** 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

*** BENEDICTION**

*God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Voluntary on an Old English Hornpipe*

Gordon Young

* Please stand as you are able

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WELCOME!

We especially welcome those of you who are guests today. We invite you to fill out a Welcome card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. We look forward to meeting you. If you have particular questions, please speak to Rev. Brearley.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders: Ann Geddings, Linda Hogon
Assisting in Worship: Ann Geddings
Deacons: Matthew Berger, Kathy Lyons
Youth Liturgist: Cooper Hill
Junior Ushers: Adelaide McElveen, Connor Thames

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Elders: John Moorman, Glenn Woodrum
Assisting in Worship: John Moorman
Deacons: Macaulay Smith, Andrew McCord
Youth Liturgist: Caroline Moorman
Junior Ushers: Adelaide McElveen, Colton Thames

“LISTENING SESSIONS”

Reverend Brearley is hosting “Listening Sessions” in the Fellowship Hall to give everyone an opportunity to ask questions or to share your thoughts and hopes for our church. Please come to one or more. He is also available at many other times to visit with you in the church office or in your homes. The Listening Sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Sunday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 10, at 2:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

**Sponsored by Presbyterian Women
Sunday, May 15, in the Fellowship Hall
Immediately following morning Worship**

Everyone is invited to celebrate our return to church fellowship with a special Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, May 15, immediately following worship. Come, enjoy this time of fellowship! Please bring a covered dish to share. Fried chicken and dessert will be provided.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting during worship on Sunday, May 22, to elect church officers and four at-large members to serve on the next Congregational Nominating Committee. More information will be in the next Focus.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Covenant Place: Jennie Linn Duffie

Home: Julian Moore, Joel Long, Carolita Cantrell, Harold Gadson, Bill Scobee,
Robert Stage II (Son of Marta Stage)