

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Minuet (Symphony no. 3)

C.M. Widor

Prelude (Symphony no. 3)

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 138

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

HYMN NO. 263 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, though you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to console the lost and the broken, too often we are blind to the needs of our neighbors. We selfishly prioritize our needs, believing we are entitled to more. Allow us to cast out narratives which celebrate ourselves and our own self-reliance. Center our stories on your liberating power and grace, reminding us that grace is a gift of Christ which is freely given to all. Amen!

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*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.*

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 8:1-12

The end has come upon my people Israel.

SERMON

Amos: Justice for All

Basket

Rev. Sherard Edington



RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

HYMN NO. 357 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

March (Symphony no. 3)

C.M. Widor

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ROSE on the communion table is placed in celebration of the birth of Elizabeth Louise to Lauren and Chris Wooden on August 14. Proud grandparents are Jane and Tracey Hay.

DRIVE-BY FOOD DRIVE today from noon to 4:00 p.m. Bring non-perishable food donations to the church parking lot where they will be unloaded from your car. Donations benefit the Family Resource Center for the local schools. For details go to Facebook or fpclebanon.org/media/ftp.html

PRESCHOOL KICKS OFF NEW YEAR: FPC welcomes all of our Preschool students. School will begin on Thursday, August 27, with "Meet Your Teacher." The school has openings in the 3 and 4-year-old classes this fall. Please call the church office for more information.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th - 12th grade) – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday

6:00 p.m. Zoom Bible

Study with Michael

Tuesday

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Participating in Worship today are:

J.D. Plant, Organist

Branson Clark, Vocals

Michael Schulte, Director of Christian Education

Sherard Edington, Pastor

Jim Stueck and Cal Clark, Technical Team