



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
October 17, 2021  
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

*\*Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Adagio (Sonata No. 1)

Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103

With all our hearts, we will praise God!

**Praise the Lord!**

With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!

**Praise the Lord!**

Never forget the good things God has done for us.

**Praise the Lord, all the earth – everyone, everywhere!**

We too will praise the Lord!

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN No. 554

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

### **WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant. - Mark 10:43*

**God with us, when we privilege our own agendas, hurt others in the effort to impose our will, or chain ourselves to our fears, tumble us off the throne of our pride, and release us into finding our worth in your love. Lord have mercy on us.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you know us, you love us, you free us, then call us to follow you.**

*Silent Prayer*

**Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our good news is this: The steadfast love of God never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness. -Lamentations 3:22-23

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

#### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**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.**

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

#### SERMON

Humility

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

ANTHEM

By Gracious Powers

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
And confidently waiting, come what may,  
We know that God is with us night and morning  
And never fails to greet us each new day.

Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,  
Still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation  
For which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

And when this cup you give is filled to brimming  
With bitter suffering, hard to understand,  
We take it thankfully and without trembling,  
Out of so good and so beloved a hand.

Yet when again in this same world you give us  
The joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
We shall remember all the days we lived through,  
And our whole life shall then be yours alone.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

MOMENT FOR GIVING

*The Psalms urge us to give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided. In gratitude, we offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please leave your offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.*

\*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

\*HYMN No. 316 (V. 1,2,5)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

### **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

#### **BENEDICTION**

Do what you have learned and received and seen and heard in Christ, and the peace of God will be with you. And may that peace, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

#### **POSTLUDE**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Hymn 422)

arr. Callahan

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

Elizabeth Campbell, choir director

Gloria Snyder, organ and piano

Bill Schroeher, liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Kimberly Rausch, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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**Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be a slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."