



## SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 15, 2022 9:00 am

*“People should not worry so much about what they do  
but rather about what they are.” - Meister Eckhart*

Chimes and Prelude

A Gaelic Melody  
Hal Hopson

\*Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God’s love holds us forever.**

Christ calls us to clothe ourselves in righteousness.

**Worship the One who wraps us with justice,  
and helps us grow in the image of our Creator.**

Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

**May our hearts be filled with God’s blessings,  
divine provisions that meet our true needs.**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

\*Hymn # 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

\*Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, so often we find it difficult to resist the story  
that a good life consists of having much.**

**We forget that more is not better,  
and a life of riches is not what you promise.**

**Desire for security and status grows greed and bitterness in our hearts.**

**We can be consumed by ourselves, and forget the needs of others.**

**We plan our futures as if your sustaining hand is absent from this world.  
Forgive us for the times when we live as though you are distant.**

**We give thanks that you are a God who promises to meet our needs.**

**Banish from our hearts every desire that keeps us far from you. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

God's promises can be trusted: your sins are forgiven.

Be at peace to love and serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

**Alleluia, Amen.**

\*Response

Meineke

**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 Message

*After the Children's Message, children are invited to join their teachers for Sunday School.*

*Parents can pick their children up after service in Room 214b (2nd floor).*

Response

These Treasured Children

**These treasured children present now,**

**Are bound to us by sacred vow.**

**With love, we make a heartfelt claim,**

**To welcome them in Jesus' name.**

Welcome & Ministry Updates

Nominating Committee

Barb Snyder

Confirmation Class of 2022

*The full list of Confirmand names can be found on the program insert.*

Prayer for the Confirmands

God, we see before us members of your family,  
built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles,  
with Christ Jesus the cornerstone.

Continue the good work you have begun in them.

**Send them forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,**

**Surround them with encouragement, support, comfort, and conviction  
through this church and through your church throughout the world.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Special music

My Lord, What a Morning  
John Behnke

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.**

Special music

O Great God  
Bob Kauflin

\*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*Hymn # 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

\*Prayer for Illumination

**God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus is trustworthy. By the power of your  
Holy Spirit, may it rise in us as a gift: the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls.  
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:13-21

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Sermon

“The Seduction of Greed”

Rev. Anderson Porter

\*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.

\*Hymn # 634

To God Be the Glory

\*Blessing and Choral Response

Postlude

Postlude in Classical Style  
Gordon Young

*\*You are invited to stand as you desire.*

**Leading us in worship today** are Rev. Anderson Porter, Parish Associate; Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor; Sandor Kadar, Director of Music; Kira Boros, Choir Accompanist; Adriana Park, violin; Evelyn Stohlman, recorder; The JuBellation Ringers; The Chancel Choir.

**Worship notes:** *O Great God by Bob Kauflin*

O great God of highest heaven,  
Occupy my lowly heart.  
Own it all and reign supreme,  
Conquer every rebel power.  
Let no vice or sin remain,  
That resists Your holy war.  
You have loved and purchased me,  
Make me Yours forevermore.

Help me now to live a life,  
That's dependent on Your grace.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul,  
From the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised,  
With my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heaven,  
Glorify Your Name through me.

I was blinded by my sin,  
Had no ears to hear Your voice.  
Did not know Your love within,  
Had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life,  
Opened up Your Word to me.  
Through the Gospel of Your Son,  
Gave me endless hope and peace.

You are worthy to be praised,  
With my every thought and deed.  
O great God of highest heaven,  
Glorify Your Name through me.



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**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES**  
**WEEK OF May 15, 2022**

**Our sympathy and prayers are with** Al and Janet Chew, Amy Falls, Lisa Weichmann and Krista Chew and families in the death of Janet's mother, and Amy, Lisa and Krista's grandmother, Ruth George.

**We are happy to announce the birth** of Aiden Parker McClure, born May 9, 2022, son of Justin and Mandy McClure.

**New Members Class** – If you're interested in learning more about becoming a member of First Pres, there will be a new member class on Sunday, May 22 at 11:30am. Please reach out to Elizabeth Hess if you're interested, or if you'd like to join but can't make this class.

**The 2022 Nominating Committee is beginning its work now!** - Our job is to discern and nominate a slate of officers to be the church leaders for the next three years. We are tasked to identify candidates, talk to them about serving and then present their names for election this fall. We are asking you all to submit nominations! Prayerfully consider who you think would make a good Elder, Trustee, or Deacon. Self-nominations are welcome.

**To nominate:**

- 1) Visit the SignUp tab at [www.firstpreswc.com](http://www.firstpreswc.com) and choose Officer Nominations. (Descriptions of the offices can be found there)
- 2) Call the church office with your nomination
- 3) Personally contact any member of the Nomination Committee or Pastor Caroline
- 4) Fill out a nominating card from the pew racks and place in the marked nominating committee mailbox in the hall.

We would love to hear from you by June 10 so that we may proceed during the summer and be ready to report to the congregation by October! The committee consists of co-chairs Barb Snyder and Rev. Ann Dickey; Lori McDermott, Scott Gamble, Tom Pantazes, Kelly Pruden, Monica Treichel, Art Zadrozny and two TBD. Keep the Nominating Committee in your prayers this summer!

**VBS Registration is Now Open** - We hope families are starting to look forward to Vacation Bible School this summer! If your children are planning to attend, please register them through the Sign-up Tab of the church's website. This will give us an idea of how many supplies to prepare. We also need some adult assistance to bring the fun to life each week. If you are willing to help just one Sunday, that would be most welcome. More information can be found on the volunteer form on the Sign-up Tab. Please contact Sara Pantazes with questions.

**Gift Card Campaign** – Presbyterian Women of First Pres has supported the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC) annually for many years. Due to a lack of storage space at their locations, they would most graciously appreciate gift cards to local supermarkets, as well as Walmart and Target. Please consider helping these families by supporting this on-going need. You may do so as follows:

- Place Cards in the Sunday Offering Plate
- Take them to Office Administrator Dan Williams during regular office hours
- Drop them in the locked mailbox at the office entrance
- Send them by mail (be aware of possible delivery delays)

Please clearly label your envelope with your name (or mark as Anon) and the amount of the card.

**Congratulations to our Graduates** - We will be honoring our 2022 graduates from high school, college as well as grad school. If you have or know of a graduate, please send me their name as well as the school they are graduating from and we will list their names and school in our May 22 bulletin. Please email Karen Goldstein ( [kgoldstein@firstpreswc.com](mailto:kgoldstein@firstpreswc.com)) with graduate names. Thank you and God bless all our graduates.

**Meals 2 Go** – Meals 2 Go are now available in the freezer in the storage room behind the kitchen. Please see any staff member if you need assistance getting a meal.

**May Food Cupboard Donation** – This month, we are collecting peanut butter for the West Chester Food Cupboard. Thank you for your generosity toward our neighbors in need.

**Chamber Winds Concert** - The Pennsylvania Chamber Winds is presenting a concert here at First Pres at 4 pm on May 22. They are one of the leading wind ensembles in the West Chester area and were the featured guest ensemble of the 2021 Candlelight Christmas Concert. This ensemble of ten musicians consists of former and current WCU students and was founded in 2020 to promote chamber music composed for wind instruments. Please support these young and talented musicians with your presence at the concert.

**Greeters:** Bill Benson and Barbara Lade

**Coffee Deacon:** Suzanne Bragg

	April Actual	April Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Full Year Budget
Income	\$74,166	\$100,940	\$406,037	\$374,145	\$1,094,775
Expenses	\$70,220	\$81,719	\$281,787	\$305,058	\$1,094,775
Difference	\$3,946	\$19,221	\$124,250	\$69,087	\$0