



SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 7, 2022 9:00 am

*“God does not require us to achieve any of the good tasks that humanity must pursue.
What God requires of us is that we not stop trying.” –Bayard Rustin*

Chimes and Prelude

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
African American Spiritual

*Call to Worship

Ps. 50:-12

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God’s beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God’s word shines forth in glory.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn # 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

you lavish us with good gifts,

**yet we persist in seeking after that
which robs us of abundant life.**

**We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed;
we desire the very things that harm us.**

Forgive us, purify us,

and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit.

We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

If God is for us, who is against us?

In Christ Jesus we have been set free.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **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

Welcome & Ministry Updates

First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

P.225-226

Special music

Softly and Tenderly
Arr. Brent Olstad

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

Old 100th

**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.**

*Hymn # 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, allow us your wisdom. By the power of your Holy Spirit open the
Scriptures to us today, that in the word read and proclaimed we might know your
truth. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.**

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:21

P.700

Sermon

“The Real Thing”

Rev. Anderson Porter

*Hymn # 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

The Lord's Supper

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.

You are invited to eat the wafer and drink the cup when the words "The table is ready, the feast is prepared" are spoken.

*Hymn # 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Blessing and Response

Postlude

Offertoire
Alexandre Guilmant

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

Leading us in worship today are Rev. Anderson Porter, Parish Associate;

Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor; David Stone, liturgist; Sandor Kadar, Director of

Music; Charity Harter, trombone; Levente Kuzma, guest organist; Sofia Bobrysheva, cantor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES
WEEK OF 8.07.22

In Memoriam – Craig Beesecker, former member of First Presbyterian Church recently passed away. He is survived by his wife, Jane and children Jill and Jodi.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the Beesecker family, and with Bob and Eileen Smith and family in the death of Eileen's sister.

The Chancel Flowers are given by Barbara Lade and in memory of Loved Ones.

Families in Worship in August – To all the young families joining us in worship this morning, welcome! Programming for preschool and elementary aged children is on break this month and will resume on September 11. There is a worship center in the back where kids can find activities to do during worship if desired. The Nursery is open for children three and under. We pray for God's Spirit to come close to each of you during this sacred time.

Wednesday Lunches: Our community lunches are such fun that we've decided to keep them going all summer long. Join us each Wednesday any time between 11:30-1:00 for delicious food and conversation. The main course is provided by a local caterer; if you are interested in providing salad, fruit, or dessert for an upcoming week, please contact Pastor Caroline (ccupp@firstpreswc.com).

New Sunday School Teachers Needed - We are looking for two new individuals to join the children's Sunday School teaching team this fall. These individuals do not need to be expert teachers but do need a willingness to explore God's stories and spend time in fellowship with children. Sunday School teachers serve approximately two Sundays a month during the 9:00 service and are resourced and supported by the Director of Faith Formation. Please contact Sara Pantazes at spantazes@firstpreswc.com for more information on this fun, Spirit-filled opportunity.

Summer Office Hours: This summer, the front office will be covered by volunteers from 9am – 1pm, Monday through Thursday. Church staff will be on-site in addition to these hours, so if you need to access the building outside of the 9-1 window, please contact Pastor Caroline or the staff member with whom you will be working.

Greeter 9:00: Karl Schroeder

Coffee Deacon: Lori McDermott