



SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 28, 2022 9:00 am

“There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind.”

--Rev. Fred Rogers

Chimes and Prelude

Ave Maria
Camille Saint-Saëns

*Call to Worship

Let many guests come: all who find themselves broken, weak, ill, outcast...

Let those who desire to honor God and follow Christ come together to worship!

Let us all celebrate meeting with the Lord!

Together, let us renew our commitment to the kingdom of God.

*Hymn # 321

The Church's One Foundation

*Prayer of Confession

God of wholeness, we have become fragmented.

We build up walls and hide ourselves from others.

We'd much rather just focus on our own lives, jobs and families.

But God, you have called us to be your people,

a people of the covenant in which you are our God, not only my God.

**You have called us to be the people of the New Commandment,
which is to love one another.**

We cannot put blinders on and build up our dividers.

**Guide our hands to reach out across walls, our eyes to see beyond ourselves,
so that we might participate in the healing of the world.**

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

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Love knows no bounds. Hope knows no bounds. Peace knows no bounds. Faith knows no bounds. There is no place you can go where God is not there. There is nothing you can do that can separate you from God's love.

Go, bring hope and peace.

Live into faith and show love. 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

Backpack Blessing

Response: **Great God, shine your light.**

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 112

P.563

Special music

O Divine Redeemer
Charles Gounod

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.

*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 # 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

P.77

Sermon

“Are You Ready for Some... Humility?”

Rev. Ann Dickey

*Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God’s condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Hymn # 372

O For a World

*Blessing and Response

Postlude

Prelude in C-Minor
J.S. Bach

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

Leading us in worship today are Rev. Ann Dickey, Parish Associate; Rev. Caroline Cupp, Executive Pastor; Elizabeth Hess, liturgist; Sandor Kadar, Director of Music; Sofia Bobrysheva, soprano and Miranda Nilan, alto.

Worship notes:

O Divine Redeemer by Charles Gounod

Ah, turn me not away,
Receive me though unworthy.
Hear Thou my cry,
Behold, Lord, my distress!

Answer me from Thy throne,
Haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid!
Thy pity show in my deep anguish,
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
Though righteous Thine anger, O Lord!

Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On Thee, Lord, alone will I call!

O divine Redeemer,
I pray Thee grant me pardon,
And remember not my sins.
Forgive me!

Night gathers round my soul,
Fearful, I cry to Thee,
Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!

Hear my cry, save me, Lord,
In Thy mercy, hear my cry.
Come and save me, O Lord!

O divine Redeemer,
I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
And remember not my sins.
O Lord, my sins!

Save in the day of retribution,
From death shield Thou me, O my God!
O divine Redeemer, have mercy!
Help me, Savior!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES
WEEK OF 8.28.22

In Memoriam – Alfred Miller, member of First Presbyterian Church from June 2, 1946 to August 23, 2022. He was the oldest living United States survivor of the China-Burma conflict during World War II.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Stephen Miller and family in the death of his father, Alfred.

The rosebud at the baptismal font is to the Glory of God and in honor of Collins Isabelle Ferry, born July 25, 2022, daughter of Lena and Thomas Ferry and granddaughter of Esther and Rich Smith.

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).

Second Chance at the West Chester Walking Tour: A previously scheduled walking tour of West Chester that examines the town's historic African American communities was canceled earlier this summer due to weather. It has been rescheduled and is now being offered on Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 am. The tour will last approximately 1.5 hours. If you would like to attend, contact Sara Pantazes at spantazes@firstpreswc.com.

Children's Programming Registration – The beginning of the school year means it's time for many of our programs for children to resume, and we need to know who is interested in what! Programs for preschool and elementary aged children include Sunday School, Kids Connect, Children's Choir, the new Kids Handbell Choir (Miner Street Bell Connections), and Young Justice Builder's Club. Please go to the Sign-up tab on the church's website to register your children, which will give us up-to-date emergency contact information and helps us know who is planning to participate.

Summer Office Hours: This summer, the front office is covered by volunteers from 9am – 1pm, Monday through Thursday. Church staff is 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.

Greeters 9:00: Amy and Barbara Lidle 10:42: John Abernethy

Coffee Deacon: Nancy Ferdik