



First Presbyterian Church



Sunday Worship

11th Sunday After Pentecost (Year B)

08 August 2021

9:30 a.m.

*First Presbyterian at Worship
Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit – Serving God's People*

Everyone Is Welcome!

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come along and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



As a More Light Presbyterians member congregation, we work toward the full participation of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and other (LGBTQIA+) people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.



Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Nursery Care is also offered. A professional childcare provider is available in Room 22 (downstairs) every Sunday for children up to 5 years old.

- Changing stations are provided in the women's restroom (Room 147), the men's restroom (Room 148) and our gender-neutral restrooms across from the chapel (Room 123)

Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

Redeeming God,
you satisfy our soul's hunger through Jesus Christ, the bread of life.
Filled with your steadfast love, let us live in love,
working honestly to share with the needy,
feeding others with the bread of kindness,
tenderness, and forgiveness. **Amen.**

Ministry of the Church

Leader: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

All: Thanks be to God!

Where I Saw God This Week...

Joys and Concerns

Leader: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Prelude: *Menuet I from Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major*

J.S. Bach

Gathering for Worship

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit
our steadfast loving God reaches out to redeem us.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* vv. 1-2 hymn leaders

Call to Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins
to the One who hears our voice
and is deeply moved by our distress.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: God of peace, we have rejected your redemption and forged our own way.
We hang between heaven and earth, caught up in our own folly.
We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves.
We have sinned against you and done violence to others.
Bitterness and wrath, anger and wrangling, slander and malice consume us.
Evil runs rampant in our hearts.
If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered.
Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us
so that we may begin anew, a new day with you. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: People of God, hope in the Lord!
God in Christ has forgiven you!
God has redeemed us from all our iniquities
through Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us
as living bread for the life of the world. **Amen.**

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Response: #582 *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me* hymn leaders

Children's Sermon: Riddle Me This!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reader: God of daybreak, our souls wait for your light
more than those who watch for the morning.
Let your Holy Spirit illumine our hearts with the light of your redemption,
a new day, a new life in Christ. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Scripture Reader: ¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

²Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Ministry of Music:*Thy Word*

Lloyd Larson

New Testament Lesson

John 6:35, 41-51

Minister: ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word: Making Bread is the Yeast of Your Worries...

***Affirmation of Faith:** PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

Part 3

Leader: Let us confess our faith together:

All: 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.

Minute for Mission: College and Young Adult Sunday

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. As beloved children, let us be imitators of God, presenting our gifts as a fragrant offering and sacrifice, through Christ our Lord.

Offertory: *Andante Grazioso in B-Flat Major* Joseph Haydn

***Doxology** (Spoken)

Leader: In unison, let us say the words of the Doxology:

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Generous, transforming God, thank you for the blessing of honest labor, through which you have provided these gifts for our hands to share with those in need. We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Leader: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* vv. 3-4 hymn leaders

Blessing

Minister: God feeds us forever with the bread of life and upholds us with steadfast love. You are blessed, redeemed, and gifted with grace through Christ our Lord! **Amen.**

Postlude: *Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 4 in F Major* Samuel Clementi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers have been provided by John and Dorothy Baker to honor their 62nd anniversary.

Don't miss the fun—join us for our melodrama rehearsal at 3:00 pm today in FH. It's not too late to get involved – just contact Pastor Kerry.

Dinner Group will meet Thursday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fork and Vine Restaurant (formerly Rustle Hill Winery, about 10 miles south of Carbondale on Route 51.) For reservations please call Sharon Wittke at (618) 893-1869 or email sharonwittke@gmail.com.

Fair Ladies of Faith's kickoff meeting will be at the home of Phyllis Beck, 96 New Campfire RD, at 6:15 pm Thursday, August 26. All women are welcome to attend this meeting which includes a salad supper (please bring a salad topping to share). If you would like to be involved, please contact Phyllis Beck (email ptherapist@frontier.com, text 618-201-4634 or call 618-549-9819.

Joys and Concerns

Ongoing Concerns

- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Students, faculty, and staff at school
- Covid19 Pandemic patients and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- For the victims of mass shootings and hate crimes
- For those in shelters on the southern border
- For those who continue to be marginalized and underrepresented
 - Service men and women

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities that participate in the Carbondale Interfaith Council. This week, please pray for: **Bethel AME Church**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **PCDC Daycare and Preschool**

Household Prayer: Morning

God of the morning watches, my soul waits for you, and I hope in your word. Bread of life, nourish, strengthen, and accompany me throughout this day, that I may labor honestly, share with the needy, and imitate your love. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of peace, I have struggled through the battle of life this day. If you should mark my iniquities, how can I stand? But there is forgiveness with you. Let your steadfast love cleanse, comfort, and keep me through this night. Amen.

LEADERSHIP

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SESSION

Facilities James Prest (2023) Rolanda Quick (2024)	Faith Development John Baker (2024) Reona Daly (2022)	Fellowship David Peters (2022) Ernest Sullivan (2023)
Financial Rob Jensen (2023)	Membership Sarah Merideth (2023)	Mission Rick Jefferson (2022) Lily Vucinic (2022)
Nominating	Personnel Rob Jensen (2023)	Small Groups Neal Foland (2022) Bill Schwegman (2024)
Worship Lisa Hollabaugh (2022) Kathy Manfredi (2024)	Clerk Sharon Wittke	Webmaster Jane Swanson

Deacons

CLASS of 2022 Jill Hertzling Dori Jefferson	CLASS of 2023 Diane Cash Marta Davis Pam Holt	CLASS of 2024 Phyllis Beck Brenda Gilbert Carolyn Hooker Brenda Myers
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You are encouraged to reach out to any of the above individuals regarding announcements, suggestions, questions, or concerns.

#15 All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

582 Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen