



First Presbyterian Church



Sunday Worship

21st Sunday After Pentecost – Year A
Reformation Sunday
25 October 2020
9:30 a.m.

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.

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God.

In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives.

As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ,
believers are transformed and renewed.

In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world.
(*Book of Order*, Directory for Worship W 1.1001)

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale Order of Worship for Sunday 10/25/20:

Prayer in Preparation



Loving God, you are here.
you not only welcome us, you receive us into yourself.
Give us courage to be so open to others,
to let them become so dear to us,
that we might share not only your gospel
but also our lives, through Christ, who makes room for us all. Amen.

Ministry of the Church

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

One: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Prelude: I Surrender All (arr. Mark Hayes)

Saem Lee, pianist

Gathering for Worship

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout
all generations.

**All: In you, we come home— to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you.**

Leader: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered
the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

**All: In you, we are home— we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.
We dwell in you.**

Hymn: #192

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

v. 1

**Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus, light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me; shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Call to Confession

Leader: Our spirits are like new grass:
at the dawn they spring up fresh,
but by sunset they dry up and wither,
blown away in spiritual death.
Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: Lord, we confess:
we do not live as those worthy
to be entrusted with the good news of your grace;
we relate to others callously
as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;
we seek to please and manipulate,**

**using flattery to gain praise and distinction;
we use condescension as a mask
to cover insecurity or a need for power.
Our motives are mixed, impure.
Lord, reassure and cleanse us,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Beloved ones, believe again the gospel,
that in Christ we are accepted as we are.
Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight
of a nursing mother cherishing her child.
Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ,
called to love one another as gentle children of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Response: #282 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. (2x)**

Children's Sermon: Halloween Is Just 6 Days Away!



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Lord Jesus, your understanding of Scripture
astonished and humbled all around you.
Send your Spirit to illumine this Word
that our understanding and wisdom may be increased. **Amen.**

Ministry of Music

Carlyn Zimmermann et al.

New Testament Lesson:

Matthew 22:34-46

Minister: ³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees,
they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to

test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word: “Oh, Great...”

Affirmation of Faith: The PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith

Leader: Let us confess our faith together...

All: ... 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.**

The Interim Box: Reformation Sunday



Invitation to the Offering:

Leader: Trusting in God’s providence, we share not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. God’s tithes and our offerings will now be received.

Please, as you are financially able, continue to contribute to the life and ministry of the church through your gifts. Give online at <http://www.firstprescdale.org>, through direct deposit or by sending checks in the mail.



***Doxology: #606**

**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: Holy God, we offer these gifts to you.
May your favor be upon them
and prosper the labor of our hands,
that your glorious power may be manifest to all,
through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: #192

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

v. 2

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me; shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

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

**All: 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: #192 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

v. 3

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me; shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Charge and Blessing

Minister: Beloved family of God,
be gracious and kind to all,
with both the gentle acceptance of a child
and the wise maturity of a compassionate mother.
May the Lord bless you and lay loving hands upon you,
that you may be strengthened to continue to walk in the faith
that others have passed on to you, to move ahead into the promised land.

Postlude: Majesty (arr. Mark Hayes)

A Thought for Today:

"Why couldn't Jesus command us to obsess over everything, to try to control and manipulate people, to try not to breathe at all, or to pay attention, stomp away to brood when people annoy us, and then eat a big bag of Hershey's Kisses in bed?" - Anne Lamott

Questions for Reflection

Where has God seemed to lead you to the edge of your “promised land” and then appeared to be holding you back from entering? What could this be saying about God? What effect could this have on your faith?

Household Prayer: Morning

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Carry me today in your steadfast love
that I may rejoice and be glad all my days,
living life fully without fear of the end. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Eternal God, a thousand years in your sight
are like this day gone by, years swept away like a dream.
May I rest in the assurance that even in the sleep of death,
I will be awakened to an eternal morning,
through the power of Christ, the resurrection.
So let it be. Amen.

Worship Assistant: Wendi Zea

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study at 3:30pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Worship via Zoom at 9:30am. Sign in early for fellowship.
Faith Dialogues begins 15 minutes after the service concludes

Saturday, November 7, 2020

First Saturday, 11:00am-12noon

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours

Monday 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Wednesday 9:00 - 12:00 noon

Kerry will be taking his last two weeks
of vacation from November 8-21...

If you would like a call or a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

Announcements

Faith Dialogues continues a series of autumn discussions: “The Church and Politics” written by David True and distributed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Discussions continue after fellowship virtually today.

Don’t forget our next **First Saturday** on November 7th!

Bill Baumann is offering rides to polling places on **Election Day**. His number is in the church directory.

Joys and Concerns

Pray for God’s grace, mercy & help:

- Covid19 Pandemic patients, including national and local leaders
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those in the destructive path of the West Coast wildfires
- Those who are homeless, especially with the coming onset of winter

Each week we pray for one of the faith communities that participate in the Carbondale Interfaith Council. This week the council asks us to please pray for: First United Methodist Church

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month is: **Small Groups**

Remember to pray for:

- Our National Leaders
- Students, faculty, and staff at school
- Our nation in midst of violence
- Our world, in the midst of terrorism
- Refugees in Europe
- Resolution to the migrant dilemma
- Homeless, unemployed and those

- without adequate health care
- Missionaries in Africa and everywhere
- Service men and women

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