

## The Worship of God

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost, November 16, 2025 – 9:00 Morning Worship

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INVITATIONS

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of new beginnings,  
**begins with us here in this place.**

The God of re-creation,  
**re-creates dead-ends into new living.**

The God of dreams,  
**dreams in us a new world.**

The God of wholeness,  
**brings a new kind of harmony into this world.**

The God of vision,  
**envisions new possibilities in us.**

The God of love,  
**loves our lives and yet makes them new.**

Come, let us worship our wondrous God.

OPENING PRAYER

God, you are creating a new heaven and a new earth,  
and you call us to be part of that re-creation.

**So here we gather to hear again your good news  
for this world and for ourselves.**

Open our eyes to see what you are doing, open our ears to hear your words  
that create this new thing, and open our hearts  
to the re-creation that begins for us, here in this community.

**Bless us in hearing your promises today as we offer ourselves in worship  
and trust in your good news here among us.**

SING

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, sometimes we struggle to see ourselves  
as creators made in your image.

**Sometimes we forget that you made us in love,  
and that you call us to love you in return.**

Sometimes we remember too clearly the pains and heartaches of the past.

**Sometimes we cling to them, and even re-create those painful times.**

Sometimes we ignore your promise for our future.

**Sometimes we forget to turn to you in prayer.**

We forget to call on your name.

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God says: I am renewing heaven and Earth and I shall be with you.

Even now, I forgive.

Even now, I re-create.

Even now, I call you into something new.

I am renewing heaven and Earth and I am beginning with you, today.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:5-19

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

#### REFLECTION

Troy Kemp

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

#### SING

"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"

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#### GIVING OUR GIFTS

#### DOXOLOGY

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Keep us in hope and attuned to your presence and working, O God.  
Then may these and all our gifts,  
given for your vision of a just and peaceable Creation, be used well.  
**May they bring your realm to flower here among us  
and in all places, to the glory of your name.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

### SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"For the Healing of the Nations"

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## BENEDICTION

Let us go out into God's world in peace;  
have courage; hold on to what is good;  
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;  
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;  
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## SENDING

We have no reason to fear the storms within nor the storms without  
for we are bound together in a strong community of love.  
And wherever there is love, there is God.  
**May we be a people of enduring vision and hope,  
renewing the Earth with transforming love.**

## POSTLUDE