The Worship of God
Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 22, 2026 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE "Rondeau" Jean-Joseph Mouret

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP
Earth is full of noise.
We push through these doors seeking peace.
We come together singing.

Hope calls to us here.
God's presence greets us.
We are invited to dream and wonder about the reign to come.
We come together singing.

Open the eyes of our hearts to worship our God with gladness.
We come together singing.

OPENING PRAYER
Gather us, O God, and welcome us into your heart.
May we share in the pulse of your creativity and feel the treble of your hope.
Invite us to dream with you, O God,
about the world you still believe is possible
and the world we want to call our own.
Encourage us with your voice and guide us with your presence
in this time of worship and dreaming and singing!
Amen.

SING "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #385

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O God, our joy so quickly turns to sorrow.
Our sorrow gets stuck in frustration and anger.
We feel that we've made lots of noise.
We've protested for justice.
We've called out for peace.
We have insisted upon hope until our voices have grown tired.

We have imagined and believed that you share in our story,
but we walk past the suffering that surrounds us daily.
We pray for your reign to come without really believing
that our efforts to feed, clothe, and welcome every stranger
are work we share with you.
O God, forgive us and invite us again to share in your story and hope.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
God's hope is in our hearts. God's dream is alive in our imaginations.
God forgives us and encourages us, with our hearts enlightened,
to know that hope is calling us.
God is calling us now to live in hope and love.
Alleluia!
Amen.

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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20 -24

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46
…The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION Chaplain Tim Haworth

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #187

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
May our gifts express our deepest faith, O God,
and may they meet the greatest longings of your people.
May these gifts truly bring good news and blessings.
May these offerings help to answer prayers for liberation.
In joy and in gratitude,
we offer a portion of what you gave us in abundance.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING "Crown Him With Many Crowns" #268

SHARED 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
Let us go into a world that is full of joyful noises.
We go with gladness, and the eyes of our hearts open wide to justice and mercy.
God goes with us, singing to strengthen and guide.
Christ goes with us full of power and might.
Spirit leads us to find our call into hope.
People of God, let us go with love and peace.

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfried Karg-Elert