

The Worship of God

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 19, 2025 – 9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

John Eggert

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we are again.

Brought together in this wondrous community to find true life within it.

Here, we will sing again.

Sing of joy and sorrow,

praise and imperfection all held together in Divine Love.

Here, we will listen again.

Listen to stories ancient and emerging

and discover truths written deep in our hearts.

Here, we will live again.

Live as people of the great shalom persistent in love,

compassion, and justice.

May it be so.

OPENING PRAYER

Open our spirits to Wisdom calling: calling us not to stand still,

not to believe in static truth, but to seek understanding in relationship,

to find love in action, to achieve justice in engagement.

Open our ears that we may hear the cries for peace and equality

and move towards them.

Open our mouths that we may speak.

Speak out in wisdom, in love, in justice, in truth.

Let our speaking be our worship of you,

O Just Spirit, O Divine Love, O Peaceful Wisdom,

O God, our touchstone and our redeemer.

SING

“Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet”

#458

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we come to you knowing our frailty,

confessing thoughts and deeds that separate us

from one another, and from you.

We seek to be reunited with our true selves, with one another, and with you.

This can only happen in your grace and mercy.

We trust your promise and receive forgiveness.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the words from Jeremiah 31:33–34:

“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel

after those days, says God: I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people...I will forgive their iniquity,
and I will remember their sins no more."

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

Psalm 119:97-104

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8

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

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SING

"Seek Ye First"

#175

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Sarah Watson

GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Gloria à Dios"

#585

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, we trust our prayers to you.

**May these offerings turn our hearts away from our own needs
and turn the hearts of those who grant justice
to those who demand it.**

May our offerings be our unrelenting plea, week to week,
to remember those whom others refuse.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SING

"Be Thou My Vision"

#450

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

The time is coming.

The time is near.

Proclaim the message, be persistent
whether the time is favorable or unfavorable.

Encourage with patience.

Carry out your ministry fully and be blessed by the sweetness of God.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

“The Rejoicing”

George Frederic Handel