

**July 14, 2024
Pride Sunday
11:00am — Sanctuary**



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Thank you for joining us today! We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission, and programs. Please join us after worship for coffee, cookies, and punch in our fellowship hall, called McKay Hall. Just follow the crowd, and you cannot miss it! Livestreaming is available to watch via the website or YouTube, but we know this is no substitute for the community built through in-person connections. We're glad you're here!

*Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (she/her), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her)
Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An (he/him), and Rev. Ann Pitman (she/her)*

Please silence and put away your cellphone as you enter this worship space.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

Prelude Cantilena

Josef Rheinberger

Tolling of the Hour

Call to Worship

Today, you are welcome in this worship service exactly as you are, embracing all aspects of yourself: your doubts, curiosity, anger, hope, disappointment, complexities, faith, and joy.

You were made very good.

Let's rejoice in this truth and worship the One who made us all.

Source of Life, in the beginning,

you made us and called us beloved.

When we forget how to love,

you remind us we are beloved.

When the powers of the world try to oppress us,

you name us beloved.

When our siblings in faith condemn us, you claim us: beloved.

We are your beloved, so today we sing your praises, Source of Love.

***Hymn No. 435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of wild love and extravagant acceptance...

Spirit of boldness and beauty...

You are faithfully present in both the grit and glitter of life,
and you are present here with us now.

Awaken us to your dream for creation:

A world in which every member of the human family is free
to flourish however you have made them.

Forgive us for the moments we have held back
your ever-flowing current of love, dignity, and justice.

Remake us into a people eager to see you in the faces, bodies, and expressions of all
people. Remind each of us to step out of the shadows of our lives
and shine fearlessly and courageously. Ignite the Divine Light within us to sparkle
through the prism of our bodies and brighten every corner of this Earth.

Holy One, You call each of us beloved.

Each of us cherished.

Each of us desired.

Each of us sacred.

And so, we give you thanks now and forever. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Siblings in Christ, as long as we live on this side of heaven, there may be days when
self-doubt and insecurity creep in, or moments when fear and external pressures
threaten our courage. There will surely be days when we fail to believe our own
belovedness or affirm it in those around us.

Even still, the promises of God are for us. Though the road is long and difficult, nothing
can separate us from God's love—not religious doctrine, not denominational
decisions, not a person's unbelief, not even our own fears. Friends, each day is a new
chance to affirm life, to start over, and to love more fiercely. We are being renewed
daily. This is our hope.

We are all loved, forgiven, embraced, and cherished. We are God's beloved. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Responsive Hymn No. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

1. Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, _____ whose grace has
2. World with-out end, _____ with - out end. A - men. World with-out end, _____ whose with - out

par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free. As it
end. A - men. World with-out end, _____ with - out end. A - men.

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:31-40

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Anthem Sing a New World into Being

Mary Louise Bringle/Wyeth

Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme. Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream: dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong. Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song! Sing a new world into being where each gender, class, and race brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace; where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind. Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind! Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home. Where no children ever hunger but are filled with God's shalom; where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease. Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace. Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophets' cry for a time of health and plenty when all tears have been wiped dry; when compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve. Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!

Old Testament Reading

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 27, An Expansive Translation

Sermon “Peek-A-Boo”

Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Belovedness: Poem, Prayer, and Project

*Trust your belovedness.
Let it be a protest,
an act of resistance,
a song of celebration.
Trust your belovedness in a world
that is rarely satisfied.
Wear it like a badge of honor.
Speak it as confidently as your last name.
Tattoo it to your heart.
When outside forces
chip away at your sense of self,
when life asks you
to hand over the keys,
remember the water.
Remember creation.
Remember how it was good,
so very good.
Let that truth hum through your veins.
Sing it so loud
that it drowns out the weariness of the world,
for the bravest thing we can ever do
is trust that we belong here.
—Rev. Sarah A. Speed*

During the reading of this poem, you are invited to write words of encouragement and support on the rainbow ribbons provided. Perhaps it is a quotation, song lyric, scripture, or prayer. These will be collected and tied in the church courtyard as symbols of love for all of God’s beloved children.

***Hymn** Impartial, Compassionate God of Our Lives

ST. DENIO

This hymn is printed on the back page of your bulletin.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

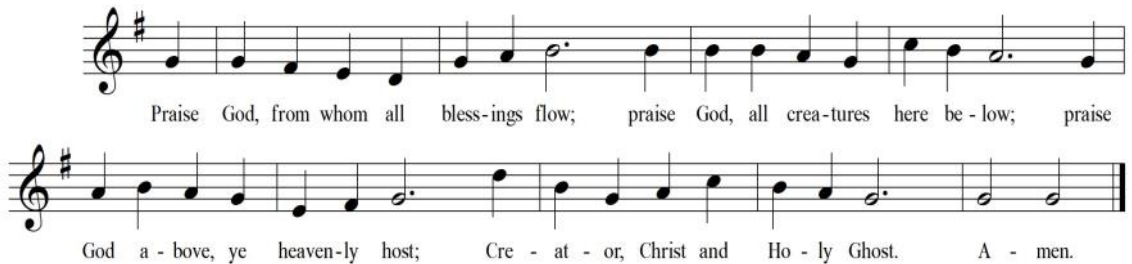
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Aria

M. Robinson

***Responsive Hymn No. 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; Cre - at - or, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, you have gifted us with so much. We lay these gifts before you with hope for a better world where your image is honored in each person. Use them for the building of your kin-dom, and give us courage to dream of that day. In the name of the Beloved we pray, amen.

SENDING

***Hymn No. 543** God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Postlude in D Major

J. K. F. Fischer

Assisting with Worship this Morning

Pastor: Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

Liturgist: Jane Gastineau

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Denise Davis, Mike Shim

Ushers: Dave Beer, Eric Evans, Judy Mettler, Tom Mettler

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Summer Choir

Live Stream Operator: Dick Florea

Sound Board Operator: Jeff Slater

Looking for the announcements? Pick-up a copy of the Friday E-news before or after worship. You'll find copies on the table in the Narthex.

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Mary Stewart Ator
by Carole and Jeff Slater

Hearing Loop: To use the "Hearing Loop" during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the "T," T-Coil or telephone position.

Sorry, Kids!

There is no Sunday School during the summer, but our nursery is open year-round! Anyone between 6 months and 5 years old is welcome! ASK an usher for a tour and more information.



Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives

Adrienne Stricker

ST. DENIO

1. Im - par - tial, com - pass - ion - ate God of all lives,
2. Un - ho - ly, un - just - i - fied fear we in - cite,
3. Cre - a - tor of beau - ty, we stand not in pride,
4. Our hope is your free - dom for both great and small,
5. All hon - or - we give you, O help us to see,

in Christ you have shown us your love ac - tual - ized,
when we shun our neigh - bors yet cling to our rights.
we do not as - sume you will stay on our side.
to strive for per - fec - tion and know all means all.
your chil - dren are wor - thy to claim vic - to - ry.

in - car - nate and weak in the arms of the poor,
Your chil - dren still wan - der the streets left in pain,
For yours is the sa - cred, un - tar - nished by sin,
We chal - lenge and quest - ion each law with - out grace,
And so let our ac - tions flow out of our praise,

de - stroy - ing all sys - tems that keep closed the door.
we pass laws a - gainst them to prove our dis - dain.
a re - fuge for out - casts that all may come in.
af - firm - ing the im - age of Christ on each face.
to seek trans - for - ma - tion, your Kin - dom to raise.