

Prayers and Praises

Prayers for those who are missing loved ones, especially during this holiday season. Prayers for communities who were in the path of the storms in the Midwest and who have been affected by these destructive tornadoes. Please consider a donation to [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) if you are able. To support the Presbyterian Church USA response, gifts can be designated to DR000015 <http://bit.ly/DR000015>.

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Who We Are

Christians – Serving, Learning and Loving

At First Presbyterian Church, we're here to share the love of Jesus with everyone. Every person has a name, every name has a story and every story matters to Jesus. We're here to help you develop a deeper connection with God. We're here to help you take the next step in developing your faith.

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In-Person Bulletin for Worship

January 2, 2022

9:00 Service

Prelude

Announcements

Jolene Schry

Lit candle is brought in reminding us of Christ in our Midst.

*Call to Worship

Jolene Schry

Praise the Lord, O you people.

We joyfully proclaim Christ is here!

The God of all creation animates our bodies with the breath of the Spirit.

The Lord, the giver of life, has come to dwell among us.

***Opening Hymn:** #439 "In Christ there is no East or West" vs. 1 & 4

*Prayer of Adoration

God of our hopes, Christ of our faith, Spirit in our hearts,
we come to worship you with joy and gladness.

Your goodness knows no limits of generation or gender,
of condition or citizenship. You are kind to all,

and we worship you in all sincerity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Call to Confession

Who is worthy to stand before God? None but Christ alone.

The Son of God came in the flesh of a human body to live among us.

It is Christ who redeems us, gathering our tears and our fears, redeeming each and every one.

With this confidence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession

Gather us, your children who run and hide, ashamed, afraid, apathetic.

We trade your goodness for ashes. We trade your peace for control.

We trade your promise for certainty. Gather us to you and return us

o your abundant mercy; may it flow over us, renewing our weary souls. **AMEN**

Take a few moments for your own silent confession

*Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

The light of all life and the breath of all creation claims you,
calling you "good" from the very beginning, very good.

Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

***Glory to God Hymnal #576 "Gloria, Gloria"**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

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Scripture Readings: **Jeremiah 31:7-14**
 Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:1-18

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Message: "I Don't Know"
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dan Schultz

Responsive Hymn: #367 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love" vs. 1-3

***Apostles' Creed (Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The Sacrament of Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place...

Therefore, we gladly join our voices of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Remembrance and Words of Institution

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ has risen,

Christ will come again.

Prayers of Intercession and Petition

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Response

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me,

bless God's holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and forget not all God's benefits.

Benediction

Postlude