

# First Presbyterian Church

## November 14, 2021

### 9:00 Service

**Prelude** *“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” (Lyons)*  
*“We are Marching in the Light of God” (Siyahamba)*  
*“We are Singing for the Lord is our Light (Siyahamba)*

*arr. by John Carter*  
*arr. by John A. Behnke*

#### **Announcements**

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

#### **Call to Worship**

*Carol Wetzel*

Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.

**There is no Holy One like our God.**

Like our ancestors, we raise our voices  
to praise the Lord of strength.

**There is no Rock like our God.**

We prepare to listen and learn  
with open hearts and open minds.

**There is no Source of knowledge like our God.**

We trust that righteousness will come  
on the heels of God’s judgment.

**There is no Justice like our God.**

May the Son of our God lead us into faith.

There is no Guide like our God.

Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.

**Musical Meditation: Glory to God Hymnal #392 Jesu, Tawa Pano (Jesus, We Are Here)**

Jesus, we are here;

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Jesus, we are here;

we are here for you.

**Leader:** Welcome, Jesus.

*TEXT: Patrick Matsikeniyiri, 1990; © 1990, 1996 Patrick Matsikeniyiri*  
*(admin. General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik)*

*MUSIC (JESUS, TAWA PANO, Irregular): Patrick Matsikeniyiri, 1990; © 1990, 1996 Patrick Matsikeniyiri*  
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#### **Prayer of Adoration**

*Let us pray:* Holy One,

there is no God like you.

In praise and thanksgiving,

we come before you

ready to learn of your power,  
ready to follow your path for our lives.  
Through days of jubilation as well as dejection,  
help us realize your influence in the world.  
We ask simply for ears to hear,  
eyes to see, and minds to comprehend  
the blessings you bestow. Amen.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Rock of Salvation,  
you give children to the barren  
and strength to the feeble;  
you exalt the poor  
and lift up the needy.  
We praise your holy name from morning to night,  
yet we build walls that separate us: from you,  
from one another, from the world,  
even from ourselves.  
We place stumbling blocks  
in the way of goodness and truth.  
We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure.  
We confess our fallibility  
and seek solace in the mother of our joy.  
Teach us to pray and praise without pause,  
confessing hope ceaselessly.  
Guide us in our efforts  
to encourage one another,  
to work together for good in the world,  
and to prepare for the day of the Lord.

*Take a few moments for your own silent confession*

### **Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness**

Our hearts are sprinkled clean and our bodies washed with the water of God's love.  
Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God assures us that we are pardoned, forgiven, absolved,  
and released from our sin.

### **The Presbyterian Hymnal #579 "Gloria Patri"**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

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*Glory Be to the Father*

*TEXT: Trad. liturgical text. Composer: Henry W. Greatorex (1851)*

## Scripture Reading

### Luke 4: 14-21 NRSV

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

**Message:** “In Mission Together with Senegal, Africa”

*Rev. Mary Balson*

## Pastoral Prayer

### 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.

## Benediction

**Sending Music:** *(assembly dismisses during this instrumental piece)*

Variations on “*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*” (Showalter)