

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHOctober 4th, 2020**COMMUNION****WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Instrumental Hymn: "You who are both lamb and shepherd" #356

***Opening Prayer:**

Holy God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit: When we hunger for fulfillment, you meet all our needs. You give us the bread of Life. When we thirst for your presence, you draw near to us in every place, at any time. You fill our cup to overflowing with Living Water. You alone are truth, you alone are love, for you are the One who was, who is, and who ever shall be. And so, we give praise to you, with all your people here and everywhere, now and always.

God of mercy, we confess that we have often failed to speak and act with kindness. We have not always cared for others as you care for us. We have not welcomed others as we have been welcomed to your table, nor have we forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We remember the good not done, kind words not spoken, and things we regret. Forgive us, free us from our past mistakes, and let us start again with you and with one another. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Please stand at items marked * if you are able. Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

Upcoming Events at First

Oct 9 th	Crafts & Conversation	1:00 pm
Oct 11 th	Sunday Worship	11:00 am



"Welcome to worship! We're glad you're here with us this morning. A video devotional based on the same scriptures and sermon topic is available on our Church website and Facebook page.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Bible Readings:**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Pg. 634 OT

Psalm 80:7-15

Pg. 541 OT

Matthew 21:33-46

Pg. 24 NT

Sermon: "Our Rejected Saviour"**Instrumental Hymn: "All who hunger, gather gladly" #534****WE RESPOND TO GOD****Tithes and Offerings*****Prayer of Dedication for Offering:**

Generous and gracious God, we have received so much from you in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer this day, so they will speak of your love for the world in all its detail, and for people in all our diversity. May our gifts touch the needs around us in the name of Christ who makes us one. Amen.

SACREMENT OF COMMUNION**Invitation****Affirmation of Faith:**

The Apostle's Creed:

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. Amen.



Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

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 God thanks and praise.

It is our greatest calling and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, creator and sustainer of heaven and earth.

You spoke, and at your word all things took shape and came into being: the sun and moon and stars, the sky and earth and waters, and all they contain. At your instruction, your Spirit swept over creation, bringing order out of chaos and life out of the formless void.

From the elements of the earth you created us as unique and distinct people, but all in your holy image. You breathed life into us and called us to love and serve you and to live with you and one another in covenant and community.

We turn away from you and we have tried to live apart from you and one another, but you never turn from us. Through the prophets you call us back to you and to your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, the Way, Truth, and Life, who was born of a mother's flesh to reveal the full extent of your grace and love. Again, and again you welcome us and receive us with the open and welcoming arms of a loving father.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim with them your glory, in the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy is your son Jesus. Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, seeing the forgotten, touching those in need of healing, teaching those who sought out wisdom, and loving all, he showed your kingdom in your world. In breaking bread and sharing wine with your people here and in all places, we recall the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these offerings of bread and wine. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom where peace and justice are realized, so that with all your people we share the banquet you have promised and provided.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator and sustainer of all; glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (see back of bulletin)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Blessing

"Postlude:(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness)