



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jan Butin

OPENING PRAYER

Faithful and gracious God, as we give you thanks for your faithfulness throughout the rich heritage of this congregation over the past 190 years, fill us with hope for the future, keeping our eyes focused on Jesus, the light of the world. As we seek to reflect your light from Presbyterian hill, may our neighbors and our community be blessed by all we do in your name, giving glory to you in the name of Jesus Christ our King, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE

Nun danket alle Gott

Carol Nave, organist

Music by George Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Megan and Ben Ober

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight

are like yesterday when it is past,

or like a watch in the night.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you,

for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as we have been afflicted,

and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

and prosper for us the work of our hands--

O prosper the work of our hands!

We will give thanks to you, LORD, with our whole hearts;

we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

*HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Glory to God

Music by Johann Crüger; Words by Martin Rinkart

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sharon Taylor

God of light, you sent your Son Jesus into our time and space to be the light of the world. After his resurrection, by your Spirit, you called us to be the light of the world as his body; his ongoing presence. But we confess that too often, we have looked to our own interests more than to the interests and needs of others. We have allowed the light in us to become darkness. God of grace, forgive us. Turn us outward, that we might reflect your light to the world both on and off this hill that we love. May our light so shine among our neighbors and throughout our community, that they will see the good works you do in and through us, and give you all the honor and glory through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Words and Music by Kathleen Thomerson

Glory to God

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

**[Refrain] In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

*THE PEACE

Arrow Willis

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

CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

Where Children Belong
Words and Music by James Ritchie

Sing the Faith

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Jacob Christiansen

ANTHEM

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Words by Charles Wesley; Music by John Darwell

Scott Montgomery, organ
AGO Arkansas Chapter Choir

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound. Rejoice!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

SERMON

Called to Be a Light on the Hill

Rev. Phil Butin

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our mission: **Called to be a light on the hill, we boldly proclaim and serve Christ, the hope of our changing world.**

Our vision: **Reaching out as a visible expression of God's grace, we will meet people where they are, inviting all into Christ's family through engaging worship, fellowship, learning, and service.**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

All Glory be to God on High
Music by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663—1712)

Carol Nave, organist

*RESPONSE 647

Give Thanks
Words and Music by Henry Smith

Glory to God

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat once)**

And now let the weak say, "We are strong?"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat once)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Isaac Thomas

God in your grace, **you hear our 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.

SENDING

*HYMN 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
Words and Music by Bernadette Farrell

Glory to God

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**[Refrain] Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.**

[Refrain]

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.**

[Refrain]

**BENEDICTION
RESPONSE**

Called to Be a Light

Words: FUPC Mission Statement; Music by Michael Shuman

Called to be a light on the hill, we
bold - ly pro - claim and serve Christ: the
hope of our chang - ing world.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The notes are simple, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Music by Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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