



FIRST WORSHIP – RELEVANT FAITH FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 27, 2024
9:00 a.m

WELCOME

Stewart Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to praise God.

Let every living thing praise God's holy name.

PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress

Words and Music by Martin Luther; Arranged by Matt Boswell

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amidst the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe,
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, the Lord of hosts, His name
from age to age the same. And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled should threaten to undo us
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure for lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him

A mighty fortress, a Rock unfailing. The King of glory, forever, amen!
For endless ages, enthroned in praises. The King of glory, forever, amen!

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

A mighty fortress, a Rock unfailing. The King of glory, forever, amen!
For endless ages, enthroned in praises
The King of glory, forever, amen!

Ancient Words

Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo

Holy words, long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.
Words of Life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope
in this world, where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us Home.

[Chorus] Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart. [Chorus]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You know all the ways we have turned from you. Our distractions, the ways we deceive ourselves and others, and the ways we have not loved others as you have taught us to. God, forgive us, and help us to turn toward you instead of pulling away. Change us from the inside out. ...silent confession... In Jesus' Name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

MESSAGE

"Presbyopia"

Rev. Stewart Smith

SONG FOR REFLECTION

At Your Feet

Words and Music by Reggie Stone and Michael Popham

O that I may know you, O that I may worship,
O that I may bow down at Your feet.
All I have to offer, all I have to give You,
Everything I lay here at Your feet.
Let my sacrifices, let my heart of worship,
Let the praise I lay here at Your feet
be a holy fragrance in this sanctuary,
only You are worthy of my praise.
I worship, I worship, I worship You, Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amanda McDonald

God, in mystery.

Listen and have mercy.

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.

SONG

How Great is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at his voice.

How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God.
And all will sing how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead three in One: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. [chorus]

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: how great is our God.
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: how great is our God. [Chorus]

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Stewart Smith

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As we sing the final song, we ask that you leave the sanctuary singing together into The Gathering Place. We will use this time for fellowship and to pass the Peace of Christ after the service.

BENEDICTION SONG

Canto de esperanza (Song of Hope)

Words and Music by Todd Smith, Jennie Lee Riddle, and Charity Gayle

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and love to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call. (repeat verse)

PARTICIPANTS

Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Stewart Smith

Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder

Isaac Thomas

Director of Christian Education

Kristi Button

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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Ceci Allen

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Jeffrey Kerst

Isabelle Pennick

Verna Labitad

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First Worship Band

Rob Button, guitar/vocals

Jeffrey Kerst, acoustic guitar

Isabelle Pennick, percussion

Don Steinkraus, bass guitar

Will Sulliban, percussion

Isaac Thomas, piano/keyboard

Audio/Visual Team

Christopher Verdery, coordinator

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