

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 9.1.24
15th Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

God of New Life, may the new life you have to offer us through your Holy Spirit fill us as we glorify you today. Amen.

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism **and be thankful.**

Prelude

O Worship the King

Arr: Phillip Keveren

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 60

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,

But the Lord will arise upon you,

And his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Let us worship the God who shares his light of life with us!

***Hymn of Praise** *Amazing Grace #280*

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

*4 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

*5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Then when we'd first begun.*

Call to Confession

If we claim that we have no sin and our lives are in perfect order, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, we shall be purified, cleansed, and refined by God who is faithful and just. Let us confess our sins together.

Laying our Burdens Before Christ

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your radiant glory is hidden from us by our sin, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. May you awaken our hearts and bring us back into your fold. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires and share the light of resurrection light on our forgiven hearts. Teach us to live anew as your people. May we find in you our refuge and strength during our times of struggle. Amen.

Prayer Song *Precious Lord* 404(v1)

*Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

Friends, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. By the power of the Spirit, God has purified our hearts and continues to cleanse and refine us into a forgiven, new people, living lives that show God's brightness to the world. Embrace and celebrate the forgiveness you have received. Amen!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body and called to share that peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Scripture Daniel 12:1-13

Message Shining Bright in Resurrection Light!

***Hymn of Response** *Soon and Very Soon*

*1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!*

*2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!*

*3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!*

*4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!*

Prayers of the Community & Lord's Prayer

To respect others' privacy, we ask that you first ask permission from an individual for whom you would like to request the congregation to pray. Please share only their first name and avoid detailed descriptions of their situation in awareness that your words are recorded online.

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory

Amazing Grace

Arr: Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of new life, we thank you for the gifts that you have given us and the gifts that we are able to give in your name. May they be transformed by your Spirit to be a sign and symbol of the resurrection life you offer all of humanity by the gift of your Son. Amen.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Arr: Hal Leonard

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: *(Lord, hear our praise):* For all those who strive to do their best in their jobs every day.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Alcoholics Anonymous

Healing and Encouragement *(Lord, hear our prayer):*

Homebound: Ernie, Carlene and Wayne, Sheri and Jim, Connie S, Shirley

For those seeking healing and comfort: Friends and family of BJ as they mourn her passing, Denny, Marsha, Eric, Shelby, Rita, Jimmy, Pattie, John, Linda, Michael, Steve, and Susan, John, Matthew, Ila, Dan, Jan P, Fred, Christrey, Preston, Betty, friends fighting cancer, Fox, Grandma Ida, Brenda's friend Cade, Rita, Kimberly & Chris, Gene, Dorothy, Peggy's family, Shannon, Freya and family, Ross, George, Corban, Nicholas F. & family, Cindy & Steve, Ukraine and Middle East

For Our Nation: Those who struggle with suicidal thoughts.

Psalm :

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas and
established it on the rivers.*

Psalm 24:1-2

Announcements:

August Friday Backpack food drive! 15-16 oz (plastic jars only) peanut butter, 15 oz beef stew or chicken and noodles, instant oatmeal, granola bars (no loose packets, boxes only), boxes of Mac and Cheese (no fancy shapes please, they tend to have lower ounces per box)

Church Family Picnic is Sept 4 at 6PM at Riverside Park. Bring something to grill, your tableware, and drinks for your family and a dish to share with the rest of the hungry picnickers.

Women of the church are invited to meet at 9:30 on Saturday, September 14th at the Local for a coffee break and conversation.

We are starting up Frozen Chosen for Season 2! Join us for ice cream and watching an episode of the The Chosen on Sunday evenings starting Sept 15 at 6PM in the Friendship Center. Last episode will be shown Nov 3.

On-line donations are now being accepted. If you wish to support the church ministry by donating with your credit or debit card, click on the "Give Now" link on the church webpage, www.fpclagrande.org, or use the QR code.

