

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 10.23.22

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day and Remembering our Baptism

God of forgiveness, you showed your servant David the error of his ways, and forgave him for his sins. Forgive us, and help us to see how we might live differently to honor you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prelude *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* **Arr: Wilbur Held**

*Call to Worship

May your love and mercy be upon us today, O Lord.

Cleanse and refresh us from every transgression.

Let your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits,

and the recreating power of your Spirit make us new.

Have mercy upon us O God,

and let your Spirit lead us in truth and righteousness. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** *Sing The Faith #2152 Change My Heart, O God*
(sung 2x))

Change my heart, O God,

Make it ever true.

Change my heart O God,

May I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,

Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God,

May I be like you.

Call to Confession

David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God's rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations. Trusting in the gracious mercy God in

Jesus Christ, let us lay down our burdens of sin, confident that our loving Lord will restore us.

Laying Our Burdens Before Christ (based on Psalm 51)

Merciful God, have mercy on our souls, according to your unwavering love; according to your abundant mercy wipe away our sins and the guilt we have carried for so long. Create in us clean hearts; renew your spirit within us. Do not turn us away from your presence, do not take your holy spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Write on our hearts your love, your boundaries for our lives, your salvation that sets us free from our sins, that we may live the abundant life you have for each of us. Amen.

Prayer Song Love the Lord Your God #2168 Sing the Faith
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your mind.
Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are.

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

Friends, please stand with me as we celebrate the good news of the Gospel...Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Since Christ has opened his Spirit to us, let us open our hearts to one another, and God will be glorified. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of our Risen Lord.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Let us pray...Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27

Second Reading 2 Samuel 12:1-9

Message **The Grace of Truth You Don't Want to Hear**

Hymn Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive #347

1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"

You taught us, Lord, to pray,

But you alone can grant us grace

To live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless

The unforgiving heart

That broods on wrongs and will not let

Old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals

The truth we dimly knew:

What trivial debts are owed to us;

How great our debt to you!

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls

And bid resentment cease;

Then, bound to all in bonds of love

Our lives will spread your peace.

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

He Is Lord

Arr: Fred Bock

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God, our light and salvation, your forgiveness brings joy and gladness. Thank you for welcoming us to worship with open arms. Thank you for inviting us to follow Jesus as disciples who love you and love our neighbors. Keep us close to you, for in your presence we live. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to you. Let your will be done by your Spirit at work in us a part of the church of Jesus Christ your Son. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude *Precious Lord Take My Hand*

Arr: Mark Hayes

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: (*Lord, hear our praise*): Young adults serving the church and the YAV program.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Koinonia House

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

Homebound: Jean M

For those seeking healing and comfort: Mary and Katie, Skip, Logan, Judy, Sharon, Carol, Mike and Carrie, Nick's family, Mary S, Scott, George, Bob, Marilyn, Ross, Zach S., Fable, Zachary R, Becky, Phil, Janet, Eric, Larry, Fred, Charity's father, all those in recovery from drugs and alcohol and those supporting them, Les and Jan, Chris' friends with prostate cancer, Bill's brother Dick, Allen, Preston, Ernie, Nicholas F and his family, Carlene & Wayne, Cindy and Steve, Adam, and Sheri and Jim, the conflict in Ukraine, our nominating committee seeking church leaders for 2023.

For our Region: Rain!!

Psalm of Encouragement:

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Psalm 84:4

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Announcements:

Nov 2 CFN Open to all

Nov 5 La Grande Presbyterian Women Bazaar-Friendship Center

Nov 12 Mental Health First Aid-Friendship Center

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.

