



First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 11, 2023 at 10:00

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Handbell Chimes – *The ringing of the chimes invites you to a time of Rest...Renewal...Hope*

Prelude

Lucas Brown, piano

Opening Sentences

(Psalm 33:1-5)

One: O you, beloved of God, rejoice in the Lord! Sing to God a new song!

All: **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.**

One: Our God loves righteousness and justice.

All: **The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

* Hymn #262 (*below*)

"God of the Ages"

* **An Invitation to Experience God's Grace**

One: God promises to love us and forgive us, not because we are righteous or law-abiding, but simply because we are. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

* **Laying Down Our Burdens**

All: Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why them?" We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner and the outcast. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy. Amen.

* **Silent Prayer**

* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Jesus said, "Take heart; your faith has made you well." Indeed, we are made well and whole, not because of ourselves, but through the grace of God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

* **We Celebrate God's Forgiveness** #579 (*below*) *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

* **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Children's Message

Celebrating the Life of the Congregation

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers and note those sitting around you)

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

All: God beyond all knowing, you are shrouded in wonder and mystery and yet as close to us as our very breath. By your Spirit, illuminate our hearts and minds through your Word, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,

Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"New Beginnings"

Rev. Marvin Lindsay

* **Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed** (traditional) p. 14, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer, p. 16, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Practicing Abundant Generosity

<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyterian11244/give/now>

Offertory: *Borning Cry*, John Ylvisaker, arr. Phil Kadidlo
Nancy Ruth Wainwright, alto

* Doxology #592 (*below*) "Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow"

* Recommitting Our Lives to Service



* **Hymn** #838 (*below*) "Standing on the Promises"

LEAVE TO SERVE

* **Charge and Benediction**

Sending Music

Lucas Brown, piano

Please use the Postlude time and music to reflect on today's worship experience and how it will support you in the week to come.

* *Please stand in body or spirit*

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! It is good to have you here in person or online. Please be in touch if you have news to share or would like more information or to talk to a pastor. Staff contact information is below. Read full announcements in our weekly [email newsletter](#), available on the church website. Subscribe on the [Contact Us](#) tab.

THE NURSERY care is available in the Hospitality Center – across from Fellowship Hall.

GIVE FROM YOUR PHONE – Use this QR code to go to the online giving page on your phone. You can still use this link: . Cash and checks are also gladly accepted. Include your name so your giving can be recorded.

AFTER-WORSHIP HOSPITALITY IS BACK! Linger a moment or two after the service to greet fellow worshippers. And please sign up with a friend or a group to host one Sunday by providing simple refreshments. There is a sign-up on the snack table or contact someone on the Hospitality Committee: jmfiorella@gmail.com, shoemakerjanet68@gmail.com, qlerch2@comcast.net, or phurd75@gmail.com.

LEARN ABOUT WELLNESS AT URBANPROMISE TODAY -- Please join us in the Bean Parlor following worship, for an interactive hour-long workshop with Siomara Wedderburn, vice president, programs, and past director of Wellness at UrbanPromise. Ms. Wedderburn will talk about how UrbanPromise has adapted wellness and experiential learning as key strategic initiatives and integrated these across all programs at the school. Bring your refreshments to the parlor learn more about this wonderful program.

PASTOR NIKKI LEADS SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES– This summer Pastor Nikki is reprising the *Summer Workshop Series*, offering topics and subjects relevant to our faith life together. All workshops take place after Sunday worship in the Hospitality Center and will go for approximately one hour. Light snacks will be provided as well as ample time for questions and discussion!

First Up: Sunday June 25: ‘Prayer’

Together we’ll look at numerous resources on prayer. A variety of prayer books will be provided to peruse, along with resource lists of noteworthy authors, and famous (and not-so-famous) prayers. Along with suggestions for leading and sustaining prayer groups, we’ll explore what scholars, pastors, and Jesus say about prayer. And finally, we’ll learn more about creating our own prayers (and praying them aloud)!

Sunday July 16: ‘The Art and Skill of Connecting’

This workshop will provide the tools to connect with visitors and members of our church and will also equip any person to reach out to someone who is in need or struggling.

Sunday August 13: Gun Violence

The Presbyterian Outlook is dedicating its June issue to the topic of gun violence. The Christian Education and Justice and Advocacy committees invite you to join a discussion on August 13. Copies of the issue will be available.

PASTOR NIKKI’S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES THURSDAY, JUNE 15 @ 7 – Pastor Nikki is hosting a Bible Study via Zoom on the book of Genesis entitled “Genesis: Relational and Family Dynamics.” The reading schedule is linked on the Adult Ed page of the website. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81798184993>, and we will also meet in person at pre-determined times. Please contact Pastor Nikki if you have questions and are interested, or simply join us on Zoom!

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN! This year’s VBS: Operation Restoration! invites kids to be Menders in God’s world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they’ll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life by exploring the daily themes of Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray, and Rest. Dates are **July 24-28, 2023**. The cost of the camp is \$25 per Mender, payable via Check (First Presbyterian of Haddonfield memo line: VBS), Venmo (@FPCHaddonfield), or through Realm (QR code links directly to Realm payment). **Register Menders** at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19Sy90YduYRl4CUBhARYBaO1dh-DDxjbm-mhEPWi6Do/edit?usp=drive_web or on the church website. We look forward to seeing you in July!



YOUTH SHEPHERDS AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS! Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13Rj1ERU30w8WHCCeUaoWuZPqxoTbv7HqA5fMcTZB0lk/edit?usp=drive_web.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, NANCY RUTH! It's hard to believe, but this year marks Nancy Ruth Wainwright's 25th year as our Director of Children's Music! For a quarter century, she has been inspiring our youth with her passion, patience, and creativity, and we are so grateful to her. Nancy Ruth is always thinking outside the box, and one of her nicknames is "The Maverique." You'd be surprised how many creative solutions at First Pres have originated in her brain, both musical and otherwise. When you see Nancy Ruth, remember to thank her for leading with imagination and love so faithfully for so many years!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 6/4/23: 113 in person, 26 online.

SCRIPTURE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 18: Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

2023 CHURCH OFFERING UPDATE – Please note that target numbers on the right represent a 6-month goal, not the full year’s budget. Received to date Six-month budget goal

Envelope Giving: \$ 278,866.00 \$285,135.00

Loose Offering: \$ 5,586.00 \$ 6,000.00

Per Capita: \$ 8,555.00 \$ 8,000.00



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GOD

262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10

Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.

George William Warren, 1892



*Trumpets may
be played
with each stanza*

1. God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.



838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end. A-men, a-men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following individuals and situations throughout the week. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or Anne Vial. In making requests on behalf of others, please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. The requestor's name will be printed as the originator of the request. Requests will be revisited every 30 days.

- Pray for the **people, government, and country of Ukraine as war continues.**
- Please pray for **Mary Stringfellow** who was hospitalized late last week after suffering a fall (**6/5-pastors**)
- Please pray for our **Stephen Ministers** who have begun new caring relationships (**5/27-Stephen Leaders**)
- Prayers for the **family of friends of Anne Cooley** who passed away this week (**5/26-pastors**)
- Pray for **Hepsiba** that she would receive God's protection and guidance; also pray for spiritual growth and good health (**5/26-pastors**)
- Pray for **Todd** (**5/24-N. Passante**)
- Lift up prayers for **Susan**, who has just been diagnosed with brain cancer and a mass in lungs. Help her to feel God's presence and strength (**5/23-C. Carty**)
- Keep **Isabel Pross** in your prayers as she undergoes cancer treatment (**5/23-pastors**)
- Pray for the **family and friends of Helen Brotzman** who are grieving her death and celebrating her life (**5/21-pastors**)
- Prayers for the **family and friends of Dan Schwartz** who died Tuesday, May 16. Dan was an accomplished musician and longtime friend of Pete Devine and Lorraine Gormley-Devine (**5/17-L. Gormley-Devine**)
- Please pray for healing for **Caroline Yount**, whose broken foot requires an extended period of no weight bearing (**5/15-pastors**)
- Pray for **Armando**. God knows the needs (**5/15-pastors**)
- Pray for **Karla** as she mourns her mother (**5/11-T. Adkins**)
- Continue to pray for **Cole** as he continues cancer treatment (**5/10-N. Adkins**)
- Please pray for a treasured co-worker, **Leah M.**, who is overcoming a recent sudden hospitalization. Pray that she experiences healing and comfort, and continued recovery. (**5/10-K. Hyslop**)
- Pray for all the **Cancer Warriors' kids and moms** who are fighting and in treatment (**5/10-N. Adkins**)
- Pray for **Trish's friend Robin** as she celebrates what would have been her daughter Campbell's 14th birthday (**5/10-T. Adkins**)
- Prayers for **Tom Lutz**, a former co-worker of Dr. Lindsay in Missouri who's been battling pancreatic cancer for three years and has recently entered hospice care (**4/24- M. Lindsay**)
- Prayers for **Tim Ross**, a friend of ours in Columbia, Missouri diagnosed with AL (primary) amyloidosis a bone marrow disease similar to multiple myeloma (**4/24 - M. Lindsay**)

