

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025*

8:30 a.m. In-person

10:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream Service



GATHER

*Let all enter Branch Hall in a spirit of prayer.
Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.*

**Those who are able may stand*

Please remember to turn your cell phones to silent.

*This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet,
and you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.*

*For our online congregation - Let us know you are here! Post a greeting!
And remember that you can place a request in the Prayer Journal
in the comments on both YouTube and Facebook Live.*

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

Trad. Spiritual, arr. M. Hayes

Lighting the Christ Candle

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.

Call to Worship

Come and see what our God has done,
what awesome things God has done for us!

Let the whole world bless our God and sing God's praise.

**For our lives are in God's hands,
and God keeps our feet from stumbling.**

*** Hymn 772**

Live into Hope
(see next page for hymn)

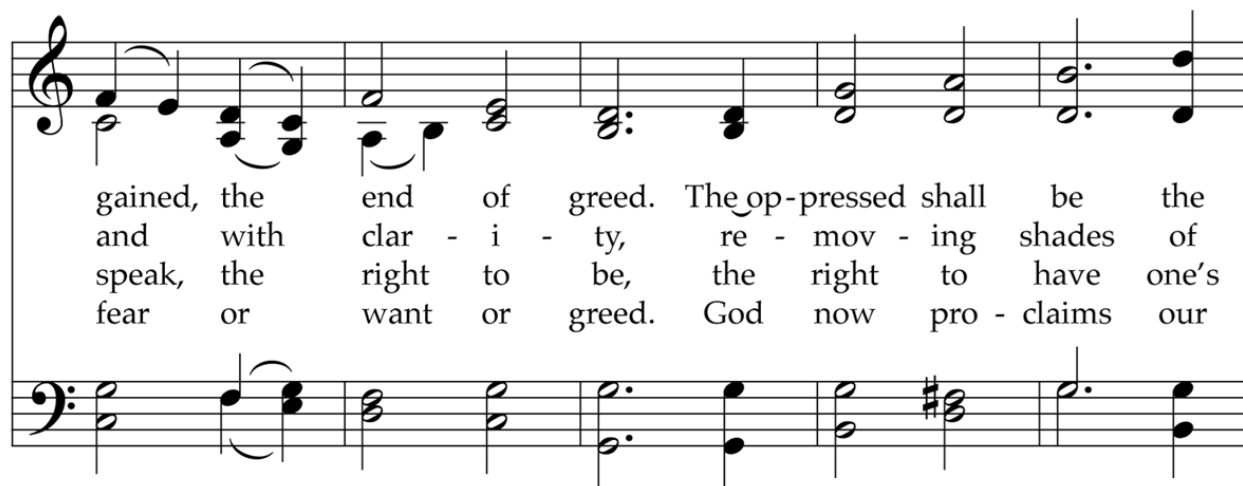
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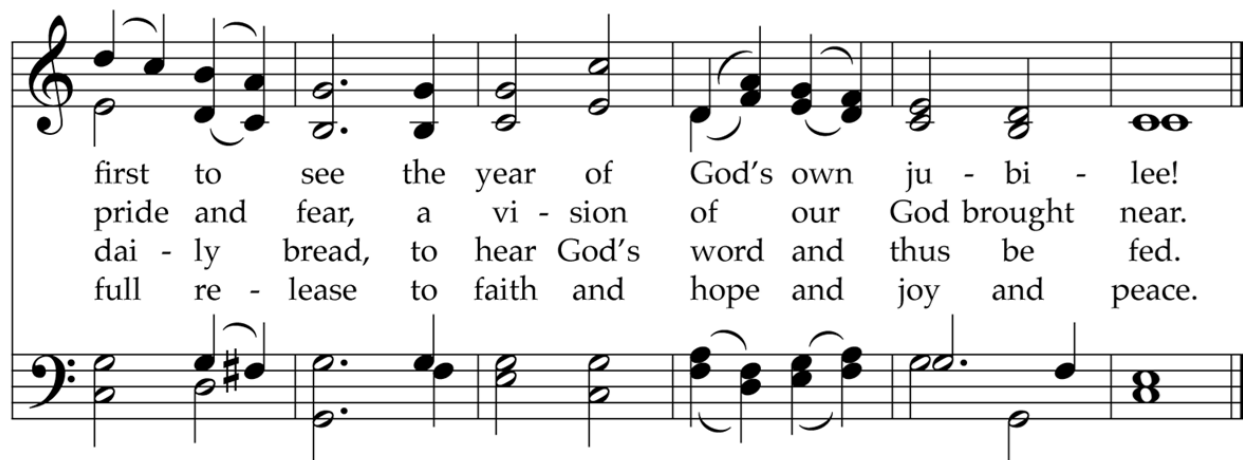
Live into Hope



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, we bring to you
our ingratitude
for all that you have done for us,
our impatience
when prayers seem to be ignored,
our selfishness
when prompted to give or share,
our unfaithfulness
when wandering from your way.
We ask for your forgiveness,
through Jesus Christ who gave all,
that we might learn to do likewise.
Amen

Assurance of Grace

* Response of Praise 659, v. 1

Know That God Is Good

Mungu Ni Mwema

1 Know that God is good. Know that
Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu

God is good. Know that God is good;
ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma,

God is good; God is good.
ni mwe - ma, ni mwe - ma.

* Sharing the Peace

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

*(We share peace with a nod or a bow, perhaps with hand on heart
or folded hands, or with the ASL sign for peace. If worshipping from home,
greet each other by sending a text, a wave or comment on Facebook or YouTube.)*

* Response of Peace 764, chorus only

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Pelas Dores Deste Mundo



We pray for peace, the bless - ed peace that
We pray for power, the power that will sus -
A tu - a pax, ben - di - ta e ir - ma -
O teu po - der sus - ten - te o tes - te -



comes from mak - ing jus - tice, to cov - er and em -
tain your peo - ple's wit - ness: un - til your King - dom
na - da co'a jus - ti - ça a - bra - ce o mun - do in -
mu - nho do teu po - vo. Teu Rei - no ve - nha a



brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! come, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!
tei - ro. Tem com - pai - xão! nos! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!

Words of Welcome

*Newcomers please leave us your address and contact information on the
Visitor Card. These are available on a table at the entrance.
Place the Visitor Card in the offering plate.*

ENCOUNTER

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson (10:30 Only): Philip 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play.

Parents can pick up their children following worship.

(It is the church's policy to not put images of children on the livestream.)

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.

Second Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

For the Word of God in Scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Thank You Sermon

Kenneth Page

(after the sermon, we observe a time of silence and prayer)

RESPOND AND SERVE

*** Affirmation of Faith** *(together)*

We believe in the debonaire God
who clothes the wildflowers
dressing them so superbly
that they outdo Solomon in all his glory;
who is the true Friend
of all creatures great and small.

We believe in the extravagant God
who turns the other cheek,
goes the second mile,
turns water into the best wine,
brings healing with his every touch.

We believe in the redeeming God
who spared no cost,
forgave even his brutal crucifiers,
had time for a dying thief at his side,
and who on the third day
did a thing so prodigious
that even his friends were dismayed with joy.

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ,
the Source of abundance
wherever we turn
and no matter what we do.
Amen

*** Hymn 490**

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters
(see next page for hymn)

Beach Spring

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters



1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,



of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -



spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our



send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1987, rev.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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Concerns and Remembrances

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

Concluding Prayer *(together)*

Lord Jesus, in your faithfulness to us,
you shower us with grace, mercy, love, and all we need;
we pray that you would shape our hearts
that they would be filled with gratitude,
that we might always return to you and give you thanks. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

One Thing More

Jane Marshall

*Thou who hast given so much to me, give one thing more:
a grateful heart: not thankful when it pleaseth me,
as if thy blessings had spare days,
but such a heart whose pulse may be thy praise.*

* Doxology 610, v. 5

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: '5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be now and ev - er given by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.' The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/2. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staves. There is an asterisk (*) at the end of the first system.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

SEND AND BLESS

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

* Hymn 796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Land of Rest

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with power to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 691)

* **Benediction**

* **Response 853** (singing together)

Siyahamba

Siyahamba

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

During Today's Worship

If your infant or child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. We have a texting system to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Flash photography during worship is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

If you are new to First Presbyterian Church

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Disabled persons entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. Please speak with Pastor Ken or call the church office to set a time to meet.

Visitors: You may be wondering why we are worshipping cramped into a small hall. We had a fire in July of 2025 and the Sanctuary and our Fellowship Hall are being reconstructed. Our worship of God and service of God's people continue and we are delighted to have you join us.

Interested in the mission and activities of First Presbyterian Church?

Visit the church's website, www.firstpreshc.org for more info.

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