

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Howard County

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 29, 2024*

*10:30 a.m. In-person and Livestream Service*

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## GATHER

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

\* Please stand if you are able

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 You Tube and Facebook Live.*

**Prelude**

**Jubilant Procession**

*Georg Frederik Händel,  
arr. Mark Ardrey-Graves*

### 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

Are any among us weary? Do we carry heavy burdens?

**Here is a place of rest. Here we encounter Christ's healing and grace.**

Are any among us frantic and scattered, breathless in our busy-ness?

**Here is a place of deep peace. In our worship, we meet the unhurried God.**

Are any among us feeling brittle and broken, thirsty for the gospel?

**Here we encounter Jesus, the living water — tranquil and ever-present.**

Are any among us feeling hollow and empty, hungry for truth?

**Here we encounter Christ, the bread of life — nourishment for the journey.**

\* **Hymn**

Con gran gozo y gran placer  
*(see next page for hymn)*

*J. R. Murray*

# Con gran gozo y placer

7.7.7.4.D. con coro

Desconocido  
Tr. Enrique Turrall

J. R. Murray

1. Con gran go - zo y pla - cer Nos vol - ve - mos hoy a ver;  
2. Has - ta a - quí Dios te a - yu - dó, Ni un mo - men - to te de - jó,  
3. Dios nos guar - de en es - te a - mor, Pa - ra que de co - ra - zón,

Nues - tras ma - nos o - tra vez Es - tre - cha - mos. Se con - ten - ta el co - ra - zón,  
Ya no - so - tros te vol - vió: ¡Bien - ve - ni - do! El Se - ñor te a - com - pa - ñó,  
Con - sa - gra - dos al Se - ñor, Le a - la - be - mos. En la e - ter - na re - u - ni - ón,

En - san - chán - do - se de a - mor. To - dos a u - na voz a Dios Gra - cias da - mos.  
Su pre - sen - cia te am - pa - ró, Del pe - li - gro te guar - dó: ¡Bien - ve - ni - do!  
Do no ha - brá se - pa - ra - ción, Ni tris - te - za ni a - flic - ción. ¡Bien - ve - ni - dos!

Coro  
¡Bien - ve - ni - do! ¡Bien - ve - ni - do! Los her - ma - nos hoy a - quí

Nos go - za - mos en de - cir: ¡Bien - ve - ni - do! ¡Bien - ve - ni - do!

Al vol - ver - nos a reu - nir, ¡Bien - ve - ni - do!

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of truth and God of grace, we confess that too often we are nondescript Christians, rarely very wicked and too often not very loving. We drift along in the stream of life, sharing the general indifference and the common selfishness. We make friends with the culture, following Christ rather timidly, from afar. For this our share in community evil, we seek your healing mercy, and for our many private sins and static faith we beg your forgiveness. Through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen!

*(A time of silence is kept during which individual confessions may be offered.)*

### Assurance of Grace

\* **Response of Praise 659** *(singing together)*

*Know That God Is Good*

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 Praise 692** (*singing together*)

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)

Refrain F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)

Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)

F B $\flat$  Gm7 F B $\flat$  F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

## Words of Welcome

*Newcomers please leave us your address and contact information on the Visitor Card in the pew rack! Place the Visitor Card in the offering plate.*

## ENCOUNTER

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson:** Salmos 23

*Mark Hamilton*

**23** Jehová es mi pastor, nada me faltará.

<sup>2</sup> En lugares de delicados pastos me hará descansar;  
junto a aguas de reposo me pastoreará.

<sup>3</sup> Confortará mi alma.

Me guiará por sendas de justicia por amor de su nombre.

<sup>4</sup> Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte,  
no temeré mal alguno,  
porque tú estarás conmigo;  
tu vara y tu cayado me infundirán aliento.

<sup>5</sup> Aderezas mesa delante de mí  
en presencia de mis angustiadores;  
unges mi cabeza con aceite;  
mi copa está rebosando.

<sup>6</sup> Ciertamente, el bien y la misericordia me seguirán todos los días de mi vida,  
y en la casa de Jehová moraré por largos días.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Time

Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart

#### **Joy Joy Joy Joy Down In My Heart** (English)

I have that joy, joy, joy, joy,  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart.  
I have that joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart.  
Down in my heart to stay.

#### **En Mi Corazon** (Spanish)

Yo tengo gozo, gozo en mi corazon  
En mi corazon  
En mi corazon  
Yo tengo gozo, gozo en mi corazon  
Porque Jesu mi salvo

#### **Maltiox Che Ri Dios** (Quiche)

C'o qui c'o tem, qui c'o tem, pa ri wanima  
(*phonetically* Ko kee ko tem kee ko tem pa ree wa-nee ma)  
Pa ri wanima  
Pa ri wanima  
C'o qui c'o tem, qui c'o tem, pa ri wanima  
Maltiox che ri Dios  
(*phonetically* mal-te-osh shay ree Dios)

## **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 in Rooms 110 & 113.*

*Older children, grades 2-5, may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to The Worship Bridge. They will return to the sanctuary later in the worship service.*

*(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: James 5:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

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**

Healing

*Kenneth Page*

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

## RESPOND AND SERVE

### \* Affirmation of Faith

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of the resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

### \* Hymn 469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

*Children Praying*

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace." The score consists of three systems of staves, each with four parts. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is simple and accessible, suitable for children's voices.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

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CHILDREN PRAYING  
Irregular

## Concerns and Remembrances

### Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

#### Concluding Prayer *(together)*

*Mark Hamilton*

Padre Nuestro, que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga a nosotros tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día  
y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación,  
mas líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos.  
Amen.

#### The Offering

##### Offertory

Rejoice, Pure in Heart

*Arthur H. Messiter,  
arr. Michael R. Keller*

#### \* **Doxology 708** *(singing together)*

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

#### \* **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

## SEND AND BLESS

### This Week at First Presbyterian Church

#### Moment for Mission

Guatemala Stove Project

*Brett Sivo*

#### \* **Hymn 762**

When the Poor Ones  
*(see next page for hymn)*

*El Camino*



## 762

## When the Poor Ones

*Cuando el pobre*

1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,  
 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,

1 Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,  
 2 Cuan - do un hom - bre su - fre y lo - gra su con - sue - lo,



when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,  
 when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,

cuan - do un hom - bre pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,  
 cuan - do es - pe - ra y no se can - sa de es - pe - rar,



when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,  
 when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,

cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce,  
 cuan - do a - ma - mos, aun - que el o - dio nos ro - dé - e,

*Refrain / Estribillo*

then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
 va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.



then we know that God still goes that road with us.

Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.

Drawing on the parable revealing Christ's presence in "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31-46), the stanzas here give examples (the "when") while the refrain affirms the promise (the "then"). The journey imagery of the refrain may be based on the Emmaus story (Luke 24:13-35).

\* **Benediction**

\* **Response of Praise 314** (*singing together*)

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

\* **Postlude**

Toccata No. 13 in C Major

*Johann Pachelbel*





## 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. The nursery is in Room 159. 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 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 Church. Please speak with Pastor Ken or call the church office to set a time to meet.

### Interested in the mission and activities of First Presbyterian Church?

Visit the church's website, [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org) for more info.

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