

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer

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.

Call to Stewardship

All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory

Gordon Young

"Prelude on *Just As I Am*"

*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*
Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Offertory Prayer

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 450

Slane

"Be Thou My Vision"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Congregational Response 748 *Tallis' Canon*
"Go with Us, Lord"

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

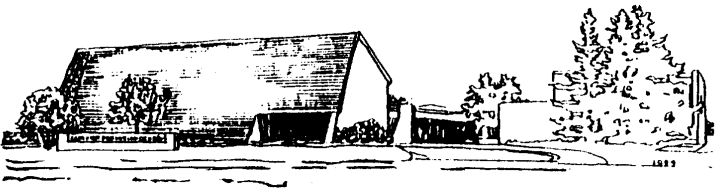
*Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"



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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

July 21, 2019

10:40 A.M.

The Conversion Of Saul To Paul

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. ***(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshipping near you.)***

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary arr. George Shearing
"Prelude on *Happy Land*"

Entrance of Baptismal Water,
the Christ Light, and the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God of mystery, You called Ananias by name, and
he responded,
"Here I am."

You called Paul to the work of your Church, and
he responded

By giving his life to your Word.

Similarly, you call us into community and faith,
**So, we respond with love and time, energy and
hope. We respond with worship.**

Let us worship the God of transformation and
grace.

Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

St. Denio

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of new life, what would we give to have you
appear with a flash of light and a clear voice like you
did for Saul? Maybe then, our doubts would disappear.
Maybe then, we would live as you called us to live.
However, when our lives depend on faith, we forget
your surprising grace. Instead, we draw lines around
enemies and friends, who's in and who's out. We see
the "other," faster than we see our "neighbor," and
refuse second chances. Pull the scales from our eyes.
Help us see as you see. Help us live as you live and
forgive us when we fail to. Humbly we pray.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 697 v. 4 *Hendon*

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"
(Congregation, please sing)

Canonbury

Children's Time

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Children's Worship

*Children up through 5th grade may leave the Sanctuary
at this time. Following worship, parents should
pick up their child in room 6.*

First Reading

Genesis 3:1-6

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The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 9:1-20

Pew Bible: Page 127

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. David A. Slyter

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 69

Here I Am

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles' Creed

**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.**