

*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.

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Installation of Ruling Elder

Commissioning of The Mission Team

Father's Day Litany (see insert)

The Lord's Prayer Choral Amen
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.

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory arr. Robert J. Powell
"We Walk by Faith"

*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 850 *Divinum Mysterium*
"In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response Hal H. Hopson
"The Grace of Our Lord"
Sanctuary Choir

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary Robert J. Powell
"O Praise the Lord, Ye Nations"

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 16, 2019 10:40 A.M.

Unexpected Joy and Surprise

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshippers 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 George Oldroyd
“Liturgical Prelude III”

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

Call to Worship (Responsive)

In worship,

May we be as welcoming as Sarah and Abraham, who were quick to serve the stranger.

In faith,

May we proclaim that nothing is too big for God.

In moments of holy surprise,

May we laugh with deep abiding joy.

For God is in the holy surprise.

God is in the winding path.

And God is in our presence today.

Let us worship Holy God.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Leoni

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of unexpected joy and answered prayers,
We confess that sometimes things feel too good to be true, while at other times we wonder if you hear us at all. When life unravels for the worst—we blame you. But when life unravels for the best, filling our days with holy surprise—we tend to praise ourselves, thinking we’ve earned this unexpected joy. Forgive us. Help us to see you in our midst. And with every breath that turns into a laugh, draw us closer to you...**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 288 *Living God*
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

Luigi Cherubini

“Like As A Father”

Sanctuary Choir

Like as a father, filled with compassion,
comforts all his children,
so the Lord has mercy on those who love Him.

Children’s Time

The Rev. David A. Slyter

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

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Pew Bible: Page 564

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 8

Pew Bible Page 492

Cantor: Dave Young

Refrain

John B. Dykes
Arr. Hal H. Hopson



God's ho-ly name be praised for-ev-er-more.

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Second Reading

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

Pew Bible: Page 14

The Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 44

Austin

“Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us”