

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 18, 2021

We lift our gazes not to what stands between us,  
but what stands before us.

We close the divide because we know, to put our  
future first, we must first put our differences aside.

We lay down our arms so we can reach out our  
arms to one another.

*~Amanda Gorman, from "The Hill We Climb"*


Our service of worship begins as we GATHER.

We sing our praises to God,  
we are called to worship God,  
we confess to God together,  
we are reminded of God's pardon of what we confess, and  
we share signs of peace as we greet one another.

When we sing, we sing together, heeding Psalm 84, which encourages us all to:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Our worship of God involves us all so there are many times when we speak together or when we respond to the leading of another. These times when we speak (and sing) together are noted by **bold text**.

If you are comfortable, you are invited to stand whenever you see the standing icon. 

BLESSED ASSURANCE / setting Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 89)

I have found my servant;

**with your holy oil you have anointed us.**

My hand shall always remain with you;

**your arm shall strengthen us.**

The enemy shall not outwit you,

**the wicked shall not humble us.**

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with you;

**and in your name we will be exalted.**

Forever I will keep my steadfast love for you,

**and your covenant with us will stand firm.**


I will not violate my covenant,

**or alter the word that you have spoken.**

You shall cry to me, "You are my Father,

**my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"**

OPENING HYMN / Lift High the Cross / Glory to God, Hymn 826

 CALL TO CONFESSION

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

**you call us to walk in your ways, and we want to be your church.**

**But in many ways we have not lived in your kingdom.**

**You ask us to honor you most highly,**

**but we find other interests and distract ourselves.**

**You showed us how to love our neighbors,**

but we are too caught up in loving ourselves.

You want to see justice roll down like waters,  
as we let injustices parch our communities.

Your mercy to us is beyond our understanding,  
and we often can't even forgive our closest family members.

Lord of all, we know you are listening.

Hear the confessions we lift to you in the silence of our thoughts.

*(We offer our private confessions.)*

Merciful God,

forgive us for what we have done and what we have left undone.

Open us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength;

soften our hearts to love others as we love ourselves.

Amen.



#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

#### PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

We continue our worship as the Word is PROCLAIMED.

We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us receive the Word spoken,  
we hear Scripture(s) in song and word,  
we listen to a reflection on the Scripture(s), and  
we begin our own reflection during a period of quiet.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC / How Can I Keep from Singing? / Rev. R. Lowry / Allison Hull

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / 2 Samuel 7:1-11a

SECOND LESSON / Ephesians 2:11-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CONVERSATION STARTER / One Foundation

We RESPOND to the Word as:

we affirm our faith in song,

we offer our prayers to God, and

we commit through offering to God's work in the world.

MUSICAL MEDITATION / LARGO IN G / G. F. Handel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.**

As the service of worship of God comes to a close, we acknowledge that  
God SENDS us out into the world to be bearers of the good news of God.

We sing a song affirming the calls God has placed on our hearts,  
we receive a charge reminding us of God's call, and  
we are bid into the work of God with a blessing.

CLOSING HYMN / The Church's One Foundation / Glory to God, hymn #321

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE ON ITALIAN HYMN / setting Edward Broughton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of July 18, 2021

**We welcome** all of our visitors who are worshiping with us this day. Visitors, members, and friends, please sign the attendance register and pass along to anyone else in the pew. Please place the attendance sheet on the outside of the register and leave on the pew. Thank you!

**Hearing assistance devices** are available, as are large print Bibles and hymnals. Please contact the ushers for assistance. If you need weekly large print bulletins, please contact the office.

Serving us:	Worship Leader:	Andrew Byshenk
	Organist:	Karen Minson
	Choir Director:	Brianne Sura
	Special Music:	Allison Hull

Next Sunday: 10:00 AM Sunday Worship

**Celebrating Birthdays this week:** Linda Kopacka

• **Sunday Service and Sermons:** Did you know you can view any previous Sunday service???

Go to our website, [www.firstpreswaukesha.org](http://www.firstpreswaukesha.org) and from the homepage select the Online Worship for the current Sunday's Service. A printable .pdf copy of the bulletin is available for that service as well.

You can also view the complete Sunday Service by visiting: **YouTube.com** and type into the search bar - First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha; scroll down to the Latest from First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha and you can select the recorded service.

• **Pastoral Care:** If you require pastoral care, please contact Rev. Glen on his cell at **(608) 576-1408** or in the office at **(262) 542-4243**. He will look forward to meeting you.

• **Deacons visit:** If you know someone who is hospitalized and who would appreciate a visit from one of the Deacons, please contact Therese in the office and she will let them know.

• **If you are a visitor** and interested in affiliating with First Presbyterian please talk to Andrew Byshenk or David Schultz.

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