

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022



You are Invited to print this bulletin, or view it in a split screen on your computer.
Use it to help you take part in this live-streamed service of Lord's Day worship.
The video of this service will be posted on our YouTube site: [FPCTallahassee](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFPCtallahassee).
A link will also be posted on our website: www.oldfirstchurch.org.

Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

GATHERING

*Please observe silence at the ringing of the bell for reflection and centering.
The congregation is invited to sing the hymns and service music with masks in place.*

Call to Worship

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

**Faith is a gift to be received, treasured,
and shared with joy and thanksgiving.**

Voluntary

Prelude

J. Renner

*Prayer of the Day

O God of promise, creator of the cosmos,
you are the first light breaking through the void,
and the final light we shall eternally enjoy.
Keep our hearts ever vigilant
as we wait to welcome you,
that you would find us clothed in love,
dressed for action, and eager to receive you. **Amen.**

*Hymn 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.**

The Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness are offered from the baptismal font. We believe that baptism enacts and seals God's grace, offered freely to all people.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie Eleison means
"Lord, Have mercy."

LAND OF REST service
music arranged by
Richard Proulx (early
American folk hymns)
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***Kyrie Eleison 551**

LAND OF REST



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

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***Gloria in Excelsis 583**

(sung once in unison, twice in canon (A=North; B=South))

Jacques Berthier



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***The Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The reader offers a
phrase to mark the end
of each reading, such as,
*The Word of the Lord, or
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.*
The assembly responds,
Thanks be to God.

The hymn sung
immediately before the
reading of the Gospel is
called the **Gradual**, or
Gradual Hymn, which
refers to the step
(Latin *gradus*) from which
it was chanted in
medieval church practice.

After the reading of the
Gospel the reader says,
The Gospel of the Lord.
The assembly responds,
**Praise be to you, O
Christ.**

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50, Hymn 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

KINGSFOLD

Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

***Gradual Hymn 714**

God of the Fertile Field

ITALIAN HYMN

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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Various forms of the **Apostles' Creed** were used from the second century onward.

**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.**

Welcome, Announcements, Friendship Register

Prayer Concerns and Prayers of the People

THE EUCHARIST

Offertory

Anthem

Children of the Heavenly Father

Roy Johnson

Children of the heavenly Father, safely in his bosom gather,
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever.
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
Tho' he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaken.
His the loving purpose solely so preserve them pure and holy.

Eucharist means "Thanksgiving."

Roy Johnson (1933-2014) dedicated this anthem to the Choristers of St John's Episcopal Church, Tallahassee. He was Organist and Choirmaster at St Johns for 38 years and taught Piano and Composition in the FSU College of Music (1960-1997).

*Presentation Hymn 607

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below,
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

The **Great Prayer** begins with an exchange between the minister and people, called the *Sursum Corda*, meaning "hearts lifted." This dialogue dates to the 3rd century or earlier.

*The Lord's Prayer

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**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.**

SENDING

Blessing

*Hymn 317 In Christ There is No East or West

MCKEE

*Charge

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Voluntary Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Presider and Preacher

Rev. Trinity Whitley

Reader

Don Winstead

Prayer Concerns

Debbie Gibson

Choir

The Summer Choir

Choir Director

Ethan Murphy

Organist

Judy Arthur

Video Team

Carl Morse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Trinity Whitley is Moderator of the Presbytery of Florida and Associate Pastor at Faith Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee. She previously served as Director of Campus Ministry at UKirk Tallahassee. Trinity and her husband Thomas have two sons (Davis and Grey) and two dogs. They love concerts at Cascades, going for walks, and vacationing with friends. Trinity earned a BS from North Carolina State and MDiv from Gardner-Webb University.

Ethan Murphy, who is beginning his PhD in Music Education and Choral Conducting at FSU, is our new Choir Director. After worship we will host a reception in the courtyard to welcome Ethan and his wife, Abbey. Ethan recently completed his Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting at the University of Minnesota, where he served as a graduate teaching assistant and was choir director at Bethlehem Covenant Church in Minneapolis. Previously, Ethan taught high school choir in Northern Virginia for six years and served as Director of Music at Regester Chapel United Methodist Church. When he's not on the podium, Ethan loves to bake and cook foods inspired by his Southern roots. He sees singing as an outward expression of worship and encourages all people, whether in the choir or not, to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

The flowers this morning are given by Miriam Gurniak in memory of her beloved husband Charles Witmer (8/10/1958 - 8/02/2012). Charlie was the founder and director of Voces Angelorum and the father of Christopher and Jonathan.

The Summer Choir meets Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Choir Room. All are welcome to sing. Bring the family! Contact Judy Arthur or the church office for more information, or just arrive on Sunday at 10:00. No midweek rehearsals, no vestments.

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Learning in Worship packets are in the narthex. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in them. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Parents and children are encouraged to sit downstairs toward the front so that children may participate fully in worship.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle. Please note that during worship the **Education Building** is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To make use of this system, switch your hearing aid to the T—telephone mode. If you do not have a compatible hearing aid, a wireless receiver/headset is available from an usher.

Large print versions of the hymnal *Glory to God* and Sunday Order of Service are available from ushers.

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