

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Pride Sunday

Baptism

June 23, 2024

10:00 a.m. In-person and Livestream Service



GATHER

Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.

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

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

Morning Has Broken
Emily Rachfal, *harp*

Sylvia Woods

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

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to worship the Lord.

* **Hymn**

God of Many Faces

Slane

(see next page for hymn)

God of Many Faces

Amy Cerniglia

SLANE
Irish Melody, harm. Jack Schrader

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,
 God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,
 God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show
 God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
 sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,
 us the new names that re - flect our true souls.
 shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
 wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,
 Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word,
 Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.
 hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed wth jade.
 that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.
 ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

Have mercy on us.

Creating God,

**in love you moved over the waters of chaos
and separated sea from dry land.**

And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making.

You claim us in the waters of baptism

and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ.

But too often we deny that call,

conforming ourselves to the whims of culture.

At Pentecost,

**you released your wild and transforming spirit
to flow through church and world.**

But we want to tame that wildness,

channeling your spirit through banks of ordered safety.

Transform us, we pray.

Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts.

Loosen our grip on “the way it’s always been”

and prepare us for the joy of “the way it still can be,”

through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

* **Response of Praise 48** *(singing together)*

Rain Down

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)

F A7 Dm F7 Bb

Rain down; rain down; rain down your

(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)

F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm

love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain

(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)

F7 Bb Gm C7 Bb F

down; rain down your love, God of life.

* **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 59** (singing together)

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Refrain Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)
 E \flat E \flat /G A \flat B \flat 7sus B \flat

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
 (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)
 E \flat E \flat /G A \flat B \flat 7sus B \flat 7

mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
 (G) (A) (F#m7) (Bm7) (Em7)
 A \flat B \flat Gm7 Cm7 Fm7

new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
 (A7sus) (A7) (D) (A/C#)(Bm7) (Em7) (A7sus) (A7) (D)
 B \flat 7sus B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat /D Cm7 Fm7 B \flat 7sus B \flat 7 E \flat

faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

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: 1 John 3:1-3

3 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

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: Acts 10:1-33

10 In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. ²He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. ³One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." ⁴He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; ⁶he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." ⁷When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, ⁸and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹²In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ¹⁴But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." ¹⁵The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁶This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. ¹⁷Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. ¹⁸They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there.

¹⁹While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are searching for you. ²⁰Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them." ²¹So Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?" ²²They answered, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." ²³So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. ²⁶But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." ²⁷And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; ²⁸and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. ²⁹So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?" ³⁰Cornelius replied, "Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. ³¹He said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³²Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.'

33Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.”

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

What God Has Made Clean

Kenneth Page

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

RESPOND AND SERVE

* **Hymn**

The Dove Will Fly on Mended Wing

O Waly Waly

The Dove Will Fly on Mended Wing

Tim Reaburn

O WALY WALY
Traditional English, harm. CJ Redden-Liotta

1., 5. Re - lig - ion, cul - ture, creed and race each hu - man spir - it and each face
2. And take a - way a new found song, a new found voice to act on wrongs.
3. A peo - ple stand, a peo - ple call: come ga - ther here and wel - come all,
4. And chains will fall, the shack - les break, the earth will rise, and pow - ers quake,

we cel - e - brate, we dance and sing the tal - ents here each one might bring.
To trust, to heal, to help us cope, to stand as one, re - new - ing hope.
Di - ver - si - fy and cel - e - brate that hope - less - ness is not our fate.
just - ice will roll, and free - dom sing, the dove will fly on men - ded wing.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Maxwell Christopher Jones, son of Emily and Christopher Jones,
and grandson of Margot Watson and Bob LeCompte

* **Baptismal Hymn 486**

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Kingdom

BAPTISM

486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

This hymn addressed to a newly-baptized child begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person rather than the whole congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

TEXT: Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980
MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1959
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KINGDOM
8.7.8.7
(alternate tune: STUTTGART)

Concerns and Remembrances

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

Concluding Prayer *(together)*

**We pray in the name of the Love
that flips tables and cracks whips,
the Love that heals those judged
by religious leaders and powers,
the Love who lives and loves
among the marginalized and outcast.**

In Jesus name.

Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Emily Rachfal, Melissa Wales, Sara Watson, *vocalists*

Kathy Baker, *flute*

(The congregation is asked to join in singing on the last verse)

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny;
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

We Lift Our Voices 710

We Are an Offering

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering." The chords are: F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, F, C, F, C, C, F, C, F, G7, Em7, Asus A, Dm7, F, G, Esus E, Am, F, C, Bb, Dm, F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, C, Dm7, C.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

SEND AND BLESS

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sending Out: Guatemala Mission Team

* Hymn

I Shall Not Leave from By Your Side

Prospect

I Shall Not Leave from By Your Side

Chris Shelton

PROSPECT
Southern Harmony, harm. David N. Johnson

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I shall not leave from by your side;
2. Your peo ple, I shall call my own;
3. And when, at last, you close your eyes,
4. May God who binds us heart to heart,

where you will live, I shall a - bide;
flesh of my flesh, and bone of bone;
and an gels bid us, and your soul of to rise;
a - bide with us, and ne - ver part.

Where you will go, I'll walk with you.
and to your heart shall fly, I'll sing my praise,
my heart shall or God pain may heaven with you,
Though joy or pain may round us roll,

Where you will sleep, I'll slum - ber too.
the One whose love shall fill our days.
for death can not such love un - do.
the love of God shall make us whole.

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* **Benediction**

* **Response** *(singing together)*

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, family all are we,
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace, eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

* **Postlude**

Fanfare

Jean-Joseph Mouret



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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 for more info.



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