

September 25, 2022

*Those who are able may stand.

Rededication of the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church

WELCOME AND SHARING

Thanks for joining us in worship today. Please sign the red Friendship Pad. If you are a visitor, please share with us your contact information, including your email address, so we can add you to our email distribution list.

PRELUDE

*Fanfare
Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*

John Cook
J.S. Bach

*** PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

(this is a prayer we will sing to prepare our hearts for worship)

I Was Glad author unknown

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, peace shall be within thy walls.

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

from Psalm 122

One: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

All: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

One: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

All: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

On: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

*** HYMN 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving and ever faithful God, let this sanctuary, which we dedicate to your name, be a place of salvation, grace, mercy, and compassion where all people gathered may worship you in spirit and truth, may learn of you, and may grow together in love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past

that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ your Son.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM

Revival

Mark

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

SCRIPTURE READING (page 642)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

SCRIPTURE READINGS (page 927, 788, 798)

1 Corinthians 3:9–11;
Matthew 7:24-25; Matthew 16:13-18

SERMON

Built Like A Rock

Rev. Eric Markman

* **HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

ACT OF DEDICATION (responsive)

One: To the God's glory, we are called by God's Grace; To the one who loves us and laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ. To raise our voices in praise to the Holy Spirit, who guides us on paths of compassion and care;

All: We dedicate this house.

One: For our words of praise and prayer to our Creator; For the hearing and living by Word of the Gospel; For joining together in the meal that Christ has made for us;

All: We dedicate this house.

One: For the comfort to all who mourn; For strength to those who find themselves tired; for light to for all who seek the path that Christ sets before us;

All: We dedicate this house.

One: For the strengthening of family life; For teaching and counseling of the young; For the deepening of our faith;

All: We dedicate this house.

One: For the opening of faith in the hearts of many; For the promotion of righteousness and justice; For the furthering of God's kingdom on earth;

All: We dedicate this house.

One: In the unity of all who find this their spiritual home; In the fellowship of all who gather in this place; In love and goodwill to all;

All: We dedicate this house.

One: In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve Christ's body on this earth, the church; In loving memory of those who have gone before her; In the assurance of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord;

All: We dedicate this house.

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

**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.**

* **SONG (HYMN 853)** *We Are Marching in the Light of God* SIYAHAMBA

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem *Andante Sostenuto* (Suite Gothique) Charles-Marie Widor

* **SONG OF DEDICATION** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* OLD HUNDREDTH

HYMN #606 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please use the prayer cards located in the pews for your prayer requests. Cards can be
dropped into the offering plate with your offerings or left in the prayer basket in the
narthex. Let us pray for the church, our neighbors in need and the whole world,*

saying: *Hear our prayer.*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION 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.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* **HYMN 610** *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

* **CLOSING PRAYER** (unison)

We now, the people of this congregation, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifices of our all who gone before us in the faith, and confessing that apart from us their work will not continue, dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Toccata (Symphony #5)* Charles-Marie Widor