



**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The God who frees us invites us to worship. The God of law welcomes our loyal response.

**People: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: God is present with us, eager to speak to us. Our Creator is here to test us and keep us from sin.

**People: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. God's decrees are sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: We tremble before God, yet are not afraid. We are ready to listen to God's word.

**People: May our awe before God be pure and enduring. May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN**

*"Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"*

No. 687

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform us but do not transform. We give lip service to your law, but ignore its implication for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor you. Save us, we pray, from great transgressions and help us to reorder our days. Amen.

*(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of the God upon you so that you do not sin." The One who orders all worlds seeks to bring order and freedom into our lives. To fear God is to open our eyes to the amazing vastness of God's dominion and to the astonishing awareness that God knows each one of us, loves us, and has a purpose for us. Friends, believe the good news...

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**GLORIA PATRI**

No. 581

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**ANTHEM**

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Matthew 21:33-46

**SERMON**

Rev. John Pruitt

**\*HYMN**

*"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*

No. 708

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*"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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN**

*"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

No. 757

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Serving Today (Oct 8)**

Greeters: Lorna Foster, Winnie Theobald  
Ushers: Bernie Krecklow, Kae Mattingly  
Lay Reader: Tom Parker

**Serving Next Sunday (Oct 15)**

Greeters: Bob & Donna Myers  
Ushers: Bernie Krecklow, Kae Mattingly  
Lay Reader: Nancy Bolen

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**GOOD MORNING!** We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

<b>Today</b> (10/8)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
<b>Mon</b> (10/9)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due
	6:30p	Sweet Adelines
	7:00p	Stated Session Meeting
<b>Tue</b> (10/10)	1:00p	Decorative Painting Ministry
	5:00p	Weight Watchers
<b>Wed</b> (10/11)	9:00a	Wt. Watchers
	9:30a	Men's Bible Study
	5:30p	Youth Gathering
	6:00p	The Gathering
	7:30p	Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thu</b> (10/12)	5:30p	The Next 56 Days
<b>Fri</b> (10/13)		No Scheduled Church Activities
<b>Sat</b> (10/14)	8:30a	Women's Bible Study
		Men's Bible Study
<b>Sun</b> (10/15)	9:00a	Café Faith
	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

**The Gathering:** Everyone is invited to the Gathering, October 11, at 6:00pm, to hear Sam Marshall talk about the programs that Salem Presbytery offers. Dinner for this evening will be a Pot Luck. The sign up sheet may be found on the bulletin board.

**Looking for a Men's Bible Study:** On Saturday mornings, at 8:30a, there is a Men's Bible Study held at Tom Parker's home. This group meets for approximately 1 hr. and are currently reading "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. For more information please call Tom Parker at 336-784-1263.

**Rent-A-Youth:** Don't Forget! If you need any yard work done, household repairs, odds & ends work, please contact Amy Evans and **rent our youth to do the work!**

**Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.**



**Please fill out prayer request cards.**

This will ensure that your request is added to the prayer list and that names are spelled correctly.

Thank you for your assistance!

**First Presbyterian Church**

Rev. John Pruitt, Pastor

Amy Evans, Christian Education Director  
Jane Johnson, Secretary

Nancy Bolen, Choir Director  
Kay Sudderth, Organist