

WELCOME

Seventh Sunday of Easter



First Presbyterian Church
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**Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.
Live in harmony with one another.**

– Romans 12:15-16a

* *Denotes please stand*

CHIMES

WELCOME

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

When She Loved Me from Toy Story 2

Randy Newman

Corinne Gorgas, solo

Beaux Baldwin, guitar

*When somebody loved me,
everything was beautiful.
Every hour we spent together
lives within my heart.
And when she was sad
I was there to dry her tears.
And when she was happy, so was I.
When she loved me.*

*Through the summer and the fall
we had each other, that was all,
just she and I together,
Like it was meant to be.
And when she was lonely,
I was there to comfort her,
And I knew that she loved me.*

O Love (Excerpt)

Elaine Hagenberg

*...That morn shall tearless be.
O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
and in thy ocean depths its flow
shall richer, fuller be,
that morn shall tearless be.
O Love that will not let me go.*

–George Mattheson (1842-1906)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The spirit of God calls us from many places;
some of us come from busy homes with many people,
some of us live alone.

We are all a part of the family of God.

This week has been different for each of us;
some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate, and
some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

We are all a part of the family of God.

Yet we all come to this same place;
all of us seeking God's presence in our lives,
all of us seeking God's presence with each other.

We are all a part of the family of God.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

appears at the end of bulletin

*Large print hymnals are available
in the Narthex from a Greeter upon request.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

You have called us to become one family, a spiritual house where there is room for all people. Yet, we realize that we do not always make our spiritual homes the dwelling place for Your love, as we are called to do. Too often, we act like individuals who happen to share the same building, rather than family members who care for one another.

Help us to renew our commitments to the growth and development of those with whom we share space. Help us to communicate openly with one another and to show our love at home, at work, and here in this place.

Hear now the burdens on each of our hearts as we confess and reflect on the ways we can love, as You love, and be Your church.

Moment of silence for personal reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Amen!

*DOXOLOGY HYMN 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

appears at the end of bulletin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children's Choir

*Following the Children's Message, kids Pre-K thru 5th grade,
have Children's Church in the classroom across from the Nursery (Main Level),
leaving the Sanctuary with a Children's Ministry leader.*

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

***The Gift of Love
with Homebound***

Arranged by John Carter
by Ola Gjeilo

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.*

SCRIPTURE READING

**Humble Service in the Body of Christ
Romans 12:3-8**

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



[Scripture Link](#)

Ola Gjeilo

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Sarah J. Baker, piano improvisation
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

**Love in Action
Romans 12:9-21**

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

MESSAGE

***CLOSING HYMN 697**

Take My Life

[appears at the end of bulletin](#)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**



FOLLOWING WORSHIP,
PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HERITAGE ROOM FOR
FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS



The flower arrangement is given to the glory of God in memory of John & Phyllis Potter, Kathy Potter Heintschel, and William & Charlotte Hoyt, given by Carloyn & Norm Hoyt.

The second flower arrangement is given to the glory of God in memory of Ricky Bussmann, brother of Sheila, given by Bob & Sheila Heath.

Pastor: Rev. Nathan Loudon
Liturgist: Mark Loy
Director of Family & Children's Ministry: Stephanie Loudon
Youth Group Leader: Leyton Mathias
Nursery Caregivers: Courtney Boyer
Claire Loudon

Director of Worship & Music: John McClain
Pianist: Caryn Ginter
Head Usher: Dennie Johnson
Video Production: Maggie Havlicek
Audio Production: Bobby Havlicek
Lead Production: Joe Brymer-Bashore

Children's Choir

Asher Beitman
Levi Beitman
Riona Beitman
Emerson Boyer

Everly Boyer
Sybil Fizer (Boone)
Anthony Griffith
Ian Griffith

Harper Havlicek
Laurel Havlicek
Rowan MacGregor
Cora Smith

May 5, 2024 Worship Attendance – 173



*The church family expresses its sympathy to the family of Marie Murray,
upon her passing on May 4, 2024.*

*Marie's Funeral Service was Thursday, May 9, 11am at First Presbyterian Church and can be viewed on
YouTube through our YouTube channel or the church website; firstpbc.org.*

OFFERING

Your offering, and any other type of donation to the church,
can be placed in the plate located in the Narthex
or scan this QR code to place it online.



[Offering Link](#)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Communion Sunday (usually the 1st Sunday of the month) –

Following the Children's Message, the older children will remain with their parents.
There are special Worship Bags for them in the Narthex to pick up before Worship.

2nd 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday of the month –

Following the Children's Message, kids Pre-K thru 5th grade, have Children's Church in the classroom
across from the Nursery (Main Level), leaving the Sanctuary with a Children's Ministry leader.

WORSHIP BAGS

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NURSERY

The Nursery (Main Level) is open for infants through 5 years old.

IN OUR PRAYERS

(Homebound in *italics*)

Molly Bates

Penny Gallup

Sue Ingram

Paul Jablonka

Larry & Janet Neeley

Jim Russell

Andrew Smith

Tina & Pete Wittich

*We are a praying church at First Presbyterian Church, believing in the power of prayer and collective
prayer. **First Pres Prayer Chain** sends email prayer requests to 80+ prayer warriors.*

If you have prayer needs, submit them and/ or requests to be included as a prayer warrior to:

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.