

[We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you, please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.]

Regular Print: Leader **Bold: Congregation** *Asterisk: Please stand if able

“God, our Heavenly Father, make, we pray, the door of this church wide enough to welcome all who need human love and fellowship and a Father’s care; but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and lack of love. Here may the tempted find help, the sorrowing receive comfort, and the penitent be assured of your mercy; and here may all your children renew their strength and go on their way in hope and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

– Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells (1684–1711),
English Cleric considered one of the fathers of modern English hymnody.

✝ WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD ✝

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission: WiNS Project Carol Ann McCall (8:30) Kandy Davis (11:00)

Introit (11:00) *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem* Lowell Mason (United States, 1792–1872)
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.
(Psalm 122:6–7)

Call to Worship (from Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.
Sing to God, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Prayer of Adoration

*Opening Hymn: #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

*Prayer of Confession:

God, we confess our need for a savior. We seek your love. Forgive us when we discount our worth and being. Forgive us when we act as if others are less than we are. Forgive our thoughts, acts, and words which hold back hope, diminish dreams, and cloud vision. Reveal your purpose for us. Help us to show love, grace, and forgiveness to ourselves and

others. Thanks be to you, for life in and through our Lord Jesus Christ who is with us in life’s journey. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Sung Response: Gloria, Gloria

Setting: Taizé Community

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!

✝ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✝

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 119:73–80

Pew Bible p.698

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

Message for Young Disciples

Vickie Fischer

Choral Anthem (11:00)

Peace Like a River

Afro-American spiritual

Arranged by Donald Moore (United States, b.1946)

New Testament Lesson: I Corinthians 12:12–31

Pew Bible p.212

Sermon: BODY LIFE

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll

✝ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✝

*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.



First Presbyterian Church

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 24, 2023 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Pastoral Prayer 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.

✠ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✠

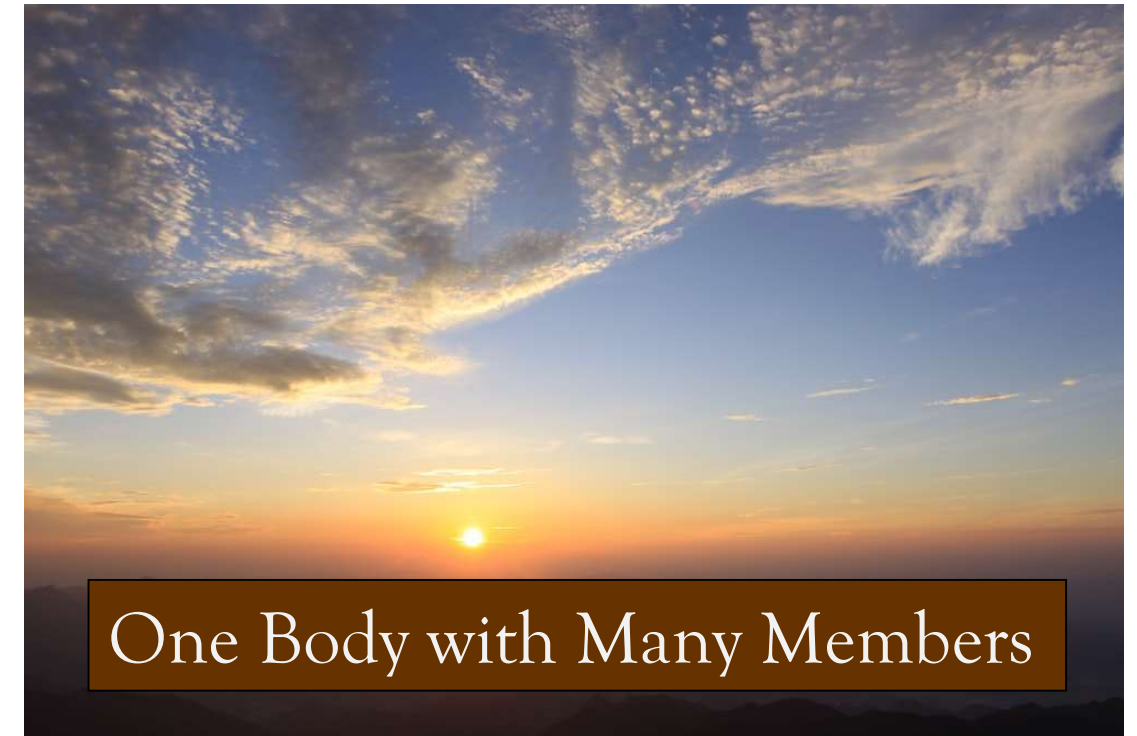
*Closing Hymn: Fire of God, Thou Sacred Flame JENSEN

Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984) Kevin Dill (2023)

1 Fire of God, thou sa - cred flame, Spi - rit who in splen - dor came,
 2 Breath of God that swept in power in the pen - te - cos - tal hour,
 3 Truth of God, thy pierc - ing rays pen - e - trate my se - cret ways.
 4 Love of God, thy grace pro - found, know - ing neith - er age nor bound,
 let thy heat my soul re - fine till it glows with fire di - vine.
 ho - ly breath, be thou in me source of vi - tal en - er - gy.
 May the light that shames my sin guide me ho - lier paths to win.
 come, my heart's own guest to be: dwell for - ev - er - more in me.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude (11:00) *Fugue in F* Vincent Lübeck (Germany, 1654-1740)



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