

The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Gathering of the People of God

We gather, knowing God is with us.

We bring the Bible, Chalice, and Water as visible evidence of God's self-giving.

Worship Carilloneurs

Call to Meditation and Preparation

John L. Musgrave

Prelude

Emerald Green
Christopher Newman, guest organist

Robin Dinda

Acolyte: Matt Mignault, 5th Grade

Silently prepare your hearts for worship at the first note of the prelude.

Announcements

*Call to Worship

O Lord, our Lord,
how exalted is your name in all the world!
**Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
**what are we human beings that you should be mindful of us—
mere mortals that you should seek us out?**
Yet, you have made us but a little lower than the angels;
you adorn us with glory and honor.
O Lord, our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

*Hymn 138

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

*Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

**Blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer,
yours is a perfect relationship,
one God in three persons, mutual and whole.**
We confess that our relationships are not that way.
We have been too selfish.
Or we have given too much.
Or we have accepted too little.
We have failed to love after the manner of Jesus.
We have let sin drive us away from one another and from you.
We long for wholeness and peace and a sense of well-being,
but our sin takes us in other directions.
Forgive us and restore us.
Pull us to you,
with mercy and grace, pull us to you. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Kyrie (Congregation and Choir)



Lord, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy upon us.

Assurance of God's Grace:

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

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

†Late arrivals may be seated

The Service of the Word

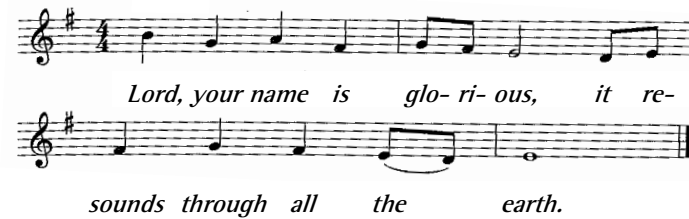
Prayer for Illumination

Vi Maynard

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (Pew Bibles pg. 557-558 O.T.)

Psalms 8



Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-5 (Pew Bibles pg.145 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

Paul Ytterrock

Hymn 316

Breathe On Me Breath of God

TRENTHAM

(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

John 16:12-15 (Pew Bibles pg. 104 N.T.)

Sermon

The Mystery of Truth

John L. Musgrave

*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace of God

(You may extend the hand of peace or cross your chest as a sign of blessing.)

*Offertory Sentence

*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia

Boyce

Summer Choir

Invitation

Concerns of the Week

Those hospitalized this past week were: Ferris Curtis, Bob Ketrow, Kathryn Lobban, Nina MacGillivray, Harry McFarlane, Tom Minshall, Sharon Pelc, Donna Roth and Allison Tykocki; Hospice: Ruth Zetterberg
Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and those distressed by natural and human disasters.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise....

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Table and Agnus Dei

Bread of Life

Cup of Salvation

(Please come up the center aisle and return on the side aisle.)

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 375

Lord, of All Good

TOULON

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Hispanic Praise

Dennis Janzer

PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the service of worship. Elder Alice Murphy will assist after the service.

We Welcome All Who Are Visiting First Presbyterian Today!

We invite you to join us in the ministries of worship, nurture, and service. Please do not leave today without greeting the pastors and members of the congregation. Please sign one of the guest forms located in each pew with your address, email and telephone number and stop by the Welcome Desk to receive a gift.

~ * Indicates where those who are able may stand.

~ Child care for infants through preschool is available on the second floor.

~ Hearing aids are available, please see an usher.

You may place an order for a CD of the whole service at the Welcome Desk for \$3.00 Or Visit our website to hear the radio sermon podcast.

Music in This Morning's Worship Service

I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also. (1 Corinthians 14:15)

This Morning's Hymns:

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! is a Trinitarian hymn written in the early 20th century. As part of the Ritual for Holy Communion, it was to be sung after the recitation of the Nicene Creed (hence the tune name *Nicaea*). The text draws on Biblical passages such as Revelation 4:8-11 in which the elders give homage to God, and from the vision recorded in the sixth chapter of Isaiah in which the celestial beings cry "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth!" The verses expand our perspective from the personal to the cosmic. The focus of the opening stanza is human beings singing praise to God. Stanza two directs our gaze heavenward where saints and angels worship before God. Finally, the whole of creation joins in praising its maker. Though God's holiness, love and purity are cloaked in mystery, we still experience God's mercy and mighty power. In response we raise our voices, singing praise to our triune God.

Breathe On Me, Breath of God was written by Oxford Classic Professor Edwin Hatch. Hatch was also renowned as a theologian and wrote several collections of hymns and religious poetry which were published only after his death. The origins of this particular hymn suggest he intended it for ordination. It is based on John 20: 22

When [Jesus] had said this,
he breathed on them and said to them,
Receive the Holy Spirit...

Both the gospel text and the hymn recall the creation narratives in which God's breath or spirit moved upon the face of the waters. Later, God breathed into Adam the breath of life. The text is a prayer for renewal by God's Spirit, a renewal that is to be expressed in a life of love, in purity of heart and will, and in a spiritual intimacy with God that heralds the perfection of eternal life.

Lord of All Good, Our Gifts We Bring to You presents an understanding of true stewardship – an offering of every aspect of our lives. Not our gifts alone but our entire selves are to be an offering for God's service and for God's glory. The final stanza offers a summary of themes from this morning's readings. The Old Testament readings remind us of God the father, whose bounty all creation shows. The Romans passage refers to the access we have to God through faith in Christ by whose sacrifice we live. As in the John passage, the final verses describe this "whole-life" stewardship as a doxological response made possible through the out-flowing of the Holy Spirit.

This Morning's Anthem:

Alleluia

Text: expression from the book of Psalms, Music: William Boyce
the book of Tobit and the book of Revelation

Alleluia is the Latin derivative of the Hebrew compound word *Hallelujah*. *Halelū* is an imperative meaning *to praise*. *Jah* is an abbreviated form of *Jahweh*. *Hallelujah*, then, means *Praise Jahweh* or *Praise to the One Who Is*. Like other Hebrew words used in our communion liturgy (*Amen, Hosanna and Sabaoth*.) *Hallelujah* came into Christian liturgy quite early and untranslated.

Besides its literal translation, Alleluia may be understood as described by T. J. O'Mahony: "Alleluia is a liturgical mystical expression, an acclamation and ovation beyond grammatical explanation, humanity's most ancient expression of devotion [and] monotheistic faith – the true believer's primitive Credo, primitive doxology, and primitive acclamation."

This Week at First Presbyterian

Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast	9:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal	9:45 a.m. Children's Education
9:00 a.m. Childcare	7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

Monday, May 31

Church office closed

Tuesday, June 1

7:00 a.m. Renovare	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
8:30 a.m. Staff Devotional Meeting	5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Council Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 2

8:30 a.m. Renovare	5:30 p.m. Junior High Pipe Praise Band Practice
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	7:00 p.m. Senior High Pipe Praise Band Practice
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	

Thursday, June 3

11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club	7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
4:00 p.m. Collaborative Lay Counseling Training	

Friday, June 4

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	6:00 p.m. Bruff/Skaff Wedding Rehearsal
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Saturday, June 5

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study	4:00 p.m. Bruff/Skaff Wedding
9:30 a.m. Budget Team Meetings	

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Beginning on Tuesday, June 1, the summer office hours will be 8:00am-4:00pm.

Ministers,

Members of First Presbyterian Church

Senior Pastor,

John L. Musgrave

Associate Pastor,

Paul Ytterrock

Commissioned Lay Pastor,

Steve Baillie

Director of Business Administration,

James B. Hagan

Director of Children's Ministry,

Jaime Powell

Director of Gerholz Counseling Center,

Andy Armstrong

Director of Music and Fine Arts,

Mark Riddles

Director of Women's Ministry,

Kim Skaff

Director of Youth Ministry,

Jim Pope

Community Ministry,

Lisa Horne

Congregational Care Specialist,

Lee Doll

Gerholz Staff Counselor,

Jerry Walden

Parish Nurse,

Frankie Bonner

Interim Organist,

Robert Ruddy

First Presbyterian Church of Flint

Engaged by Christ's love to invite, worship, nurture and serve.



Our relationship with God will grow, not by trying to fit God into a theological box, but by seeking to embrace the mystery of God who is beyond our comprehension, yet within our knowing.

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, May 30, 2010 9:30 a.m.