

October 16, 2022 10:30 AM Season of Pentecost

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# **Preparation for Worship**

Psalm 121:8

The Lord will keep
your going out and your
coming in
from this time on and
forevermore.

### **Prelude**

Prelude on THAXTED

Holst/arr. William H. Bates, 2008

#### The Welcome

Jesus Christ and our faith community welcome you to worship today.

We are a community that prays for and with one another. If you wish, we invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card (in the pew rack) to share your prayer request. If you are a visitor and would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the back of the Joys & Concerns card. An usher will collect them later in the service.

During the service, you are invited to stand as you are able where an asterisk (\*) is printed, and speak or sing in unison all passages in bold.

Let us take a few moments of silence as we prepare our hearts to worship God.

# **Lighting the Christ Candle**

#### Introit

Offertory

John Ness Beck, 1987 Micah 6:6–8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; he has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

# \*Call to Worship

Ephesians 4:2-4

Leader: With all humility and gentleness, let us bear with one another in love,

making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

People: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one

hope of your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and

Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

## \*Hymn of Praise NO. 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

#### TUNE: ENGELBERG

# \*The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

### Word for Children

Following the Word for Children, preschool through 7<sup>th</sup> graders may leave for Children's Church. Middle Schoolers are invited to help lead Children's Church or remain in worship. Please pick up your children from room 213.

#### Call to Confession

# Prayer of Confession (unison)

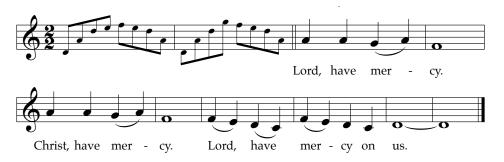
Lord of grace, throughout your earthly life you refused to forget those whom it is all too easy for us to forget: the destitute, the homeless, the sick, the ignorant. Even when it would have prolonged your life to ignore them, you continued to heal and to teach those who pleaded for your help. When we compare our behavior with your example, we are ashamed. We confess that we have been self-centered and proud. Although we may not have intentionally inflicted harm, our silence, our ignorance and our passive neglect have been harmful just the same.

Soften our stony hearts until we can no longer tolerate any suffering that is within our power to ease. Correct our careless attitude toward others. Increase our respect for the dignity of all human life, for the sake of Jesus, who served and suffered for us. Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

## Sung Invocation NO. 576 (sing twice)

Lord, Have Mercy TUNE: SINGAPURA



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 1990

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SINGAPURA

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: In spite of our tendency to pull apart, in spite of our tenacity to our old

ways, our loving God continues to call us back together again, showing us the true nature of forgiveness. We are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, and offer it to ourselves and to others again and again, as

God offers it to us in Jesus Christ. Friends, believe the good news:

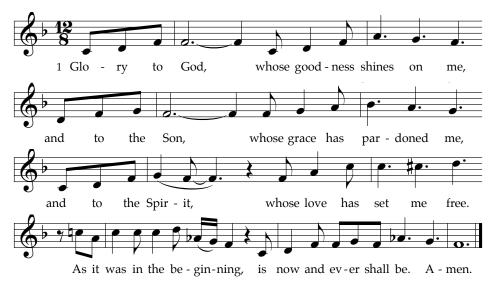
People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

# \*Sung Response NO. 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

TUNE: GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008 MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008 Text Adapt. and Music © 2008 Paul M. Vasile GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

# \*Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **Anthem**

Coronation Anthem No. 1: Zadok the Priest

G.F. Handel, 1727 I Kings 1:39-48

Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed Solomon King. And all the people rejoiced and said: "God save the King, long live the King, God save the King! May the King live forever, amen, alleluia!"

# **Prayer for Illumination**

# Reading from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-40

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

"Undistracted in Our Purpose"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

# \*Hymn of Response NO. 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

TUNE: REPTON

# Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

# Prayers of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

# Offering

O Day of Peace

Parry/arr. R. F. Farlee, 2000



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### \*Doxology (unison)

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

# \*Prayer of Sending (unison)

Loving God, Alpha and Omega, you are both beginning and end. Our endings and beginnings are rooted in your love. Look mercifully upon this church, and upon your servant Barry, whose ministry we recognize today. We praise you for joys and accomplishments and for your grace, which has nurtured and sustained us. Build us ever closer to one another and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may continue to minister in this community with patience and love, with wisdom and joy, until we come at last with all the saints to the place you have prepared; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# \*Hymn of Sending NO. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

# \*Charge and Benediction

# \*Benediction Response

Nunc dimittis in C

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1909

TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast

prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people, Israel. 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.

#### \*Postlude

Toccata in F, BWV 540

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



Please join us for a reception for Dr. Barry Wenger in the Great Room following the postlude.

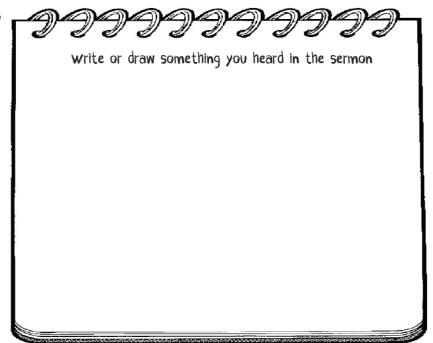
#### Music Notes:

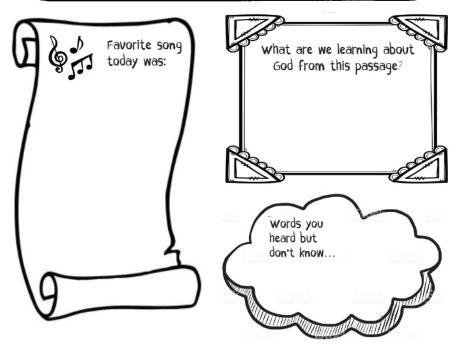
The coronation of King George II and Queen Caroline took place in Westminster Abbey on October 11, 1727—295 years ago last week! For the occasion, Handel wrote four splendid anthems and personally supervised their performance which was, according to all reports, one of great magnificence. The anthems were enthusiastically received and one or more of them—and always today's anthem—has been performed at every British coronation since.

The Sanctuary Choir has chosen this anthem partially in celebration of the 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II, but more so to honor (and feature) our beloved organist of seven years, Dr. Barry J. Wenger on this, his final Sunday morning with us.

# WORSHIP NOTES

As you attend worship, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.





#### Coming up...



### Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 29, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Dress up in your Halloween costumes, and join us for a fun-filled evening for all ages with fall treats and fellowship in the Deerpath parking lot! Sign up to decorate your parking spot, trunk, or table on the church website: firstchurchlf.org/trunk-or-treat



### Lunch & Learn: Rev. Dr. Katie Day Sunday, October 30

Rev. Dr. Katie Day will be joining us at both services as our Guest Preacher on Sunday, October 30. Following the 10:30 AM service, Katie Day will be leading a conversation about "Being the Body of Christ in a Violent Culture" at a Lunch & Learn. Sign up today to let us know you are coming by calling the church office or emailing Sarah Seccombe at ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org



#### Join our Festival Choir for All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6!

A great opportunity to sing with our choir on selected Sundays. No weekly commitments - just attend two Thursday rehearsals prior to a Festival Choir Sunday. Rehearsals for November 6 worship are on Thursdays, October 27 and November 3 at 7:00 PM. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Tom Tropp, Director of Music and Arts, at ttropp@firstchurchlf.org.

View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries

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# Submit a reflection for the Advent Devotional!

Last year's Advent devotional had such a wonderful response and was a meaningful experience for participants and readers, we are bringing it back this year!

Once again, we invite you to submit your reflections to create an All Church Devotional. We are starting the process early so it can be ready for the first day of Advent.



Scan the QR code to sign up on the church website for a date and scripture or to submit your reflection!



#### Saints & Spirits is back!

Come as you are and join friends, old and new, to celebrate a festive fall season!

Bring a beverage or a ready-to-serve appetizer or dessert to share with everyone, and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Seccombe at 224.544.1958 or sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.



RSVPs are encouraged to help each other plan for the evening. Scan the QR code to sign up!

#### This Week's Calendar

	TODAY	
	8:45 AM	Nursery Open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
	9:00	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:15	Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219
		Middle School: 5-7 <sup>th</sup> grade, Stuart Room 214
	10:00	Lunch & Learn sign up, Lobby
		Trunk or Treat sign up, Lobby
		Fellowship, Great Room
	10:30	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:45	Children's Church, Tower Room 213
	11:30	Reception for Dr. Barry Wenger, Great Room
	2:00 PM	Middle School & Senior High Youth Group,

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9:30 AM	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
7:00 PM	Session Meeting, Zoom

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor

Fellowship Hall

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	Adult Bible Study, Zoom
6:00	Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30	Buildings & Grounds Cmte. Meeting, S. Parlor/Zoom
7:00	Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
7:30	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

#### WED

10:00 AM	Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
4:15 PM	Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00	Cherub Choir, Music Room
	Confirmation, Stuart Room 214
5:30	Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
	Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
6:00	Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
7:00	Explorations of Faith, South Parlor/Zoom
	Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	Taizé Service, Chapel

#### THU

6:00 AM	Daybreakers Men's Ministry, Zoom
9:30	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
3:00 PM	Chapter One Book Club, Great Room
7:00	Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
7:30	Boy Scouts Committee Meeting, Parish House

#### FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth, Great Room/Zoom
2:00 PM	Brownie Troop Meeting, Fellowship Hall



#### Give

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The flowers are given in honor, celebration, and gratitude for Barry Wenger's seven years of ministry here at First Pres.

Pastor on call: Pastor Clint 630.220.7814 Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday. Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

### **Worship Participants**

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

Rev. Kristie Finley
Jim Cochrane
Susan Noble
Dr. Tom Tropp
Dr. Barry Wenger
Sanctuary Choir
Rick Day, AV Support Lead
Henry Thomas, AV Support
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support

### Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links firstchurchlf.org/ministries

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967 **Home Communion**Kristie Finley 224.544.1967 **Arrange a Wedding or Baptism**Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958 **Engagement & Membership**Diane Quinn dianequinn@mac.com

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Stewart Kerr 224.544.1968

**Share Joys & Concerns** 

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Scott Crawford Kendall Severson
Paul Darling Nina Strnad

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John Gescheidle David Strong
Lynnette Hinch Sadie Strong
Lebra Lebrason Many Wetsen

John Johnson Mary Watanabe *Clerk*Laura Johnson Anne Winebrenner

Sally McDonald

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