

January 12, 2025



**First Presbyterian  
Church**  
of Pittsburgh

**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:45 am**

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*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Prelude:** *“Festival Procession in C”*  
Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Ryan Croyle, *organ*

**Time of Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Daniel B. Merry, *Interim Senior Pastor*

**Moment for Mission**

Joanne Galinowski, *The Cellar Director*

**\*Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: Let your speech be silenced and your ears be attentive.  
Open your hearts to the presence and Word of God.

**People: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive honor and glory forever and ever!**

Leader: Hear, O people of God, and turn from your sorrow;  
God loosens our sackcloths and girds us with gladness.

**People: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God, and give thanks to God's holy name.

**People: Let our souls praise You and not be silent. O God, we will give thanks to You forever.**

**All: Let us be a people in worship of the Creator of the Universe this Sabbath morning!**

**\*Hymn:** *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (located in this bulletin)*

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Merry

God of peace, we confess that sin is within us, each one, and within us collectively as a church. Although we are reluctant to acknowledge the truth and confess it, we may well deserve the world's charge of "hypocrite" often laid against us. Even in the community of faith, we do not live up to the Christian faith we profess. We confess also, O God, that we harbor hurts, nurse grievances, and cause wounds to fester by refusing to forgive. That refusal to forgive is sin itself, and yet we treat forgiveness as though it were an option. In so doing we miss the opportunities You give to grow in grace, and to experience the power of love, the blessing of restoration, the release of tension, and the renewed energy of service. Grant us forgiveness for our unforgiveness, we pray. Now hear us as we confess to You in silence.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Children's Message**

Rev. Merry

*(Children ages preschool – 2nd grade are invited to attend Children in Worship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor balcony at this time. Children are to be picked up immediately after service in the chapel behind the high pulpit.)*

**\*Hymn:** "You Are My Hiding Place" (located in this bulletin)

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 10:26-33

<sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** "Fear of Flying..."

Rev. Merry

**\*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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

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

**Call for the Offering** (Online giving available, scan code on back)

Rev. Merry

**Anthem:** "It is Well with My Soul"

Horatio Gates Spafford arr. by Ruth Ann Reamer

Jackie Guthridge, soloist

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."*

**Refrain:**  
*It is well with my soul;  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain*

*My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so, it is well with my soul. Refrain*

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Merry

**\*Hymn:** *"Day by Day"* (located in this bulletin)

**\*Invitation, Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** *"Carillon"*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Ryan Croyle

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore

F Am B<sup>b</sup> C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous - ly reign -  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore

him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

F Am B<sup>b</sup>

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -  
 ing, shel-tering you un - der his wings, oh, so gent - ly sus -  
 you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -  
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

va - tion! Come, all who hear; broth - ers and  
 tain - ing. Have you not seen all that is  
 tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

C F Dm Gm C F

sis - ters, draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.  
 peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

# You Are My Hiding Place

PSALM 32:7

Canon ① Am

Dm7

G

You are my hid - ing place. You al - ways

Csus

C

F/A

Dm

fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When -

Esus

E

② Am

Dm7

ev - er I am a - fraid, I will trust in you. I will trust in

G

C

F/A

Dm

you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the

Esus

E

D.C.

E Final ending

Am

strength of the Lord." Lord, I will trust in you."

## Day by Day

$E^b$   $Fm7/A^b$

1 Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, strength I  
 2 Ev - ery day the Lord him - self is near me, with a  
 3 Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion so to

$B^b$   $B^b7$   $E^b$

find to meet my tri - als here; trust - ing in my Fa - ther's wise be -  
 spe - cial mer - cy for each hour; all my cares he glad - ly bears and  
 trust your prom - is - es, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con - so -

$Fm7/A^b$   $B^b$   $B^b7$   $E^b$

stow - ment, I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear. He whose  
 cheers me, he whose name is Coun - sel - or and Power. The pro -  
 la - tion of - fered me with - in your ho - ly Word. Help me,

$A^b$   $B^b7$

heart is kind be - yond all mea - sure gives un - to each  
 tec - tion of his child and trea - sure is a charge that  
 Lord, when toil and trou - ble meet - ing, e'er to take, as

$E^b$

day what he deems best— lov - ing - ly, its part of pain and  
 on him - self he laid: "As your days, your strength shall be in  
 from a fa - ther's hand, one by one, the days, the mo - ments

$Fm7$   $B^b$   $B^b7$   $E^b$

plea - sure, min - gling toil with peace and rest.  
 mea - sure"— this the pledge to me he made.  
 fleet - ing, till I reach the prom - ised land.

## Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

### Hospitality Hour

Join us after worship this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the chapel. If you're visiting with us, we would especially like to get to know you!

### Birthday Blessings to:

Andy Reamer and Donna Watson

### From CEED — A New Well in Uganda

Right before Christmas, we received word of a new well drilled with funding provided by FPCP's Missions Budget. The well is located at Duhaga Girls Primary School near Hoima City, and was commissioned in July as a 150-meter borehole. The impact of clean, readily available water to a population of vulnerable young girls is particularly stirring. Here is the note received from Kate Kuzko @ CEED: *"It is particularly important to have wells drilled at these schools so that the girls don't have to leave the premises during the school day. Too often when they had to walk for water they would meet up with friends who have already dropped out, or young men making promises they never intended to keep, leading to the girls drop out of school at high rates. This well will not only make them healthier, but it sets them up for a good future."* For more information about CEED: [ceed-trust.org](http://ceed-trust.org)



### Adult Sunday School

Adults are invited to attend Sunday School prior to worship on Sundays from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the room to the right of the stage in the Chapel Area. The class is currently studying the Gospel of Matthew. Please reach out to Charlie Claudon with questions.

### Tuesday Bible Study

All ages are invited to attend Bible Study prior to Outreached Arms dinner on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Chapel Area. Please reach out to Charlie Claudon with questions.

### Children in Worship – Preschool to 1st Grade

We are glad to share that Children in Worship (CIW) at First Presbyterian is in session! This special worship experience, designed for children aged preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade, provides exposure to bible stories, the flow of worship, and most importantly the sacred and holy connection we have to God. CIW meets on the third floor after the Children's Message during Worship. A CIW leader or helper will escort your child to the third floor at this time and you may meet your child after Worship at the base of the stairs in the Chapel. Please note, there is no CIW on the first Sunday of the month, as it is Communion Sunday.

### Children's Sunday School – 3 Years Old and Up

Children ages 3 and older are invited to the basement level in Room 4 at 9:30AM on Sundays to explore God's stories using the DWELL Sunday School curriculum. We are a multi-age classroom that explores the universal truths of the Bible together. Please see **Mia Swann** for more information.

### Children's Nursery - Birth to 3 Years Old

We are blessed to have a team of faithful and nurturing volunteers in our nursery each Sunday. The nursery is located on the basement level and is outfitted with toys, books, and other activities! Nursery services are offered for children ages birth to 3 during both the Sunday School Hour and Worship and two volunteers are always present. If you have any questions please reach out to **Holly Conner**.

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