

First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

Pastor Darin

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 100, The Message

Pastor Darin

On your feet now - applaud God!

Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.

Know this: God is God. He made us; we didn't make God.

We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

Make yourselves at home, talking praise.

Thank him. Worship him.

For God is sheer beauty,

all-generous in love,

loyal always and ever.

Let us worship God with joy!

*OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Darin

(You may stand in body or spirit as you sing.)

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 610

Order of Worship (cont.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rachel Buchin

Lord, you have called us to pray about all things. And yet sometimes we fail to ask for miracles of healing. Forgive us, Lord, for not prioritizing prayer and for our lack of faith. We have not because we ask not. Allow us to trust you more completely. May we pray daily in confidence and expectation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rachel Buchin

Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE

To God Be the Glory (v. 1)

No. 634

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rachel Buchin

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 145:13b-21

Rachel Buchin

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 11:1-8

Pastor Darin

11 Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God Speaks Through Prayer”

Pastor Darin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Shorter Catechism,
Westminster

Quest. 98. What is prayer?

Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

*HYMN

Seek Ye First

No. 175

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Rachel Buchin

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

*HYMN

More Love to Thee, O Christ

No. 828

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today

Rachel Buchin (Worship Leader), Ryne Pentz/John Pike (Ushers), Don/Jan Watkins (Greeters), Marcelyn Smale, Jay Espelien (audio), Leah Jacobs/Bailey Seaman (nursery).

Sermon Series Continues Today

Pastor Darin begins a new sermon series “How Does God Speak To Us.” We’ll explore the many way God tries to communicate with us. The series begins today.

Loaves and Fishes Community Dinner

Join us Wed., Sept. 20th, for our fish fry. Serving begins at 5:00 pm. Jay and his crew will be serving up a delicious fish dinner (hot dogs and mac/cheese) will also be available. Sign up in the lobby to bring a side dish or dessert. Free-will donations go to Children, Youth and Family Ministry. College students eat free.

G.I.F.T Sunday

Top Tracer Driving Range at Albany Golf Course Sunday, September 17th, 12:00—2:00 p.m. This is for *ALL AGES!* The rumor says there are some great golfers in our congregation! Whether you are a golfer or not, all skill levels are welcome. Join for fun fellowship. Fees: Children & Students for free |Adults: \$25 (includes 2 hours of driving range, drinks, & appetizers).

Photo Directory

Did you not get a photo of your family taken in the first attempt? We are scheduling a few more photo sessions for the fall. Please call the church office (251-8277) to schedule. Here’s how it works: Glamorous photos are taken after church in the library. A digital copy will be mailed to you, if so desired. There is no cost for the service.

Calendar

Mon., Sept. 18

6:30 pm Session
7:00 pm—NA Group

Tues., Sept. 19

9:00 am—Men’s Bible Study
9:00 am—Staff
5:30 pm—Lowertown
6:30 pm—Interfaith Power & Light

Wed., Sept. 20

9:15 am—Women’s Bible Study
2:00 pm—Online Prayer Group
5:00 pm — Fish Fry
6:15 pm—Crusade Choir

Fri., Sept. 22

7:00 am - Men’s Bible Study

Sun., Sept. 24

9:00 am—Youth Sunday School
10:00 am—Worship