

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Sunday, September 3, 2023
10:00 a.m.

THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE

Come, Labor On

Howard Fowler

CALL TO WORSHIP

*My Life is in You

*Great is the Lord

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

But thus says the Lord:

Seek shalom wherever you are and pray to the Lord

for your shalom shall be found in the shalom of the community.

We find ourselves in exile caused by relationships, economics, and failing health.

But thus says the Lord:

Seek shalom wherever you are and pray to the Lord

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We feel used by people and systems, sometimes even abused.

But thus says the Lord:

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We thirst for God's promised justice through swift vengeance.

But thus says the Lord:

Seek shalom wherever you are and pray to the Lord

for your shalom shall be found in the shalom of the community.

We strive to protect our families and our interests from any wrath.

But thus says the Lord:

Seek shalom wherever you are and pray to the Lord

for your shalom shall be found in the shalom of the community.

We long for the day when passive peace will prevail.

But thus says the Lord:

Seek shalom wherever you are and pray to the Lord

for your shalom shall be found in the shalom of the community.

May our actions embody our prayers

for the healing of the community

and therein may we find our long-awaited wholeness.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

While we were still sinners Jesus Christ came into the world and died for us. This is how we know God loves us. By the grace of God and the faith given to us by our God, know your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Rev. Leek

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering

Be Thou My Vision

Carole Makus & Howard Fowler, Organ/Piano Duet

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leek

Our 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.

THE SCRIPTURES

Susan Sapp, Lay Leader

Psalm 26: 1-8; Romans 12: 19-21

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. RJ Leek

"Think Before You Act"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Behold the Lamb

Rev. Leek

Sufficient Grace

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Rev. Leek

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

*Please stand, if able.

Turn to the back of the bulletin for continued worship order.

First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 3, 2023

Welcome to our new members who joined August 20th!



(Left to right) Rev. Leek, Pastor, Gary Butler, Mary Jane Gagnon, Stacy Harrison, Ron Harrison, Mary Clemans and Beth Malak, Session Clerk

Sunday, September 3, 2023 – Chancel Choir Practice, 8:45 a.m. – 9:40 a.m., Choir room

Monday, September 4, 2023 – Labor Day, Church Office closed

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 – Staff Meeting, Office, 11 a.m.

Chancel Choir Practice, 3:30 p.m. (new time)

Sunday, September 10, 2023 – Invite-A-Friend to Church this day

Grandparents Day

Confirmation class begins, 4 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 11, 2023 – Men's Breakfast, Perkins Restaurant, South Leesburg,
7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – 2nd Tuesday@First Fellowship Dinner, sign up in church
lobby, Oakwood BBQ, \$10/person, 5 p.m., hosted by the Deacons. Program by Rev. Leek sharing
about his recent study leave in Nevada



September Worship Theme - Inner Peace

Sermon Titles

September 3rd – Think Before You Act

September 10th – Never Let It Fester

September 17th – Take Responsibility

September 24th – Be the Best Jesus You Can Be

Prayer needs: Liz and Milt Levy, Mina Kirkland, Trisha Leek, Inge and Earl Lemon, Ed Dunmire, Nancy Brammer and Inskeep family. Remember the victims of the Maui fire. If you wish to give to the disaster relief in Maui, you may write a check to First Presbyterian and write “PDA – Maui” in the memo line. The money will go directly to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance PCUSA mission.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace God’s mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. This PCUSA offering will be collected on Sunday, October 1, 2023, World Communion Day.

Thank you, congregation for your generous donations for the purchase of the “lower octave” set of handbells thus far. Has the goal been reached? The music will be resounding, if so.

Thank you, congregation for the wonderful variety of crosses you have donated for our church lobby wall. There are 7 crosses donated in total and there is a need for a few more. Drop them by the church office.

Fruitland Park Elementary School has reached out and asked if our church would help with snacks for the students.

Their requests:

*Oreos (small snack packs)

*Chips (small individual bags)

*Crackers (cheese crackers, no peanut butter)

Please do not give candy and peanut type snacks. The collection boxes are in the church lobby.