

Sunday Morning Worship

September 18, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

After worship, please greet your neighbors by name.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude Improvisation on Balm in Gilead Collin Whitfield

The Call to Worship

Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer, with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

we come to worship God.

In hope and in humility, with joy and with concerns,

we come to worship God.

In faith and in uncertainty, with questions and with conviction,

let us worship God.

*The Hymn of Praise *There Is a Balm in Gilead* 394

*The Call to Confession 1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful, washes us clean. With one heart and voice, let us pray.

*The Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence, and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, O God.

Holy God, hear us now as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silence)

Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity, and all are treated with equality, as your beloved children. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:17, Romans 8:38-39
Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained but must be poured out.

Nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.

I declare in the name of the risen Christ that our sin is forgiven, and our lives are made new. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*The Response

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Anthem "Be Still" Karen Marrolli

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Amos 8:4-7 page 997 OT

The New Testament Reading Luke 16:1-13 page 106 NT

The Sermon "Relationships and Wealth" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (traditional) 14

*The Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* 357

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Improvisation on Maryton Collin Whitfield

*The 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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Charge and Benediction

The Congregational Response *Here I Am Lord* 525

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.***

*Postlude Improvisation on I'm Gonna Live Collin Whitfield

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Liturgist: Kitty Myers

Greeters:

Fellowship Coffee Servers:

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Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christian

Announcements and Upcoming Events

White Elephant Sale

Clean out your garages and closets this summer and keep in mind we'll have our annual White Elephant Sale on **Saturday, October 8**. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering area. Don't bring your items yet but keep the date in mind. All proceeds from the sale are used to support many non-profit groups in our area and abroad. Sign Up sheets are in the gathering area.



Music and Worship Committee

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour after worship service on Sundays. We would like to offer coffee, juice, donuts or cookies after worship service. There is a sign-up sheet available so please look for a Sunday service you would like to host! Thank you for supporting fellowship at Second Presbyterian Church!



2nd @ Second

TODAY Sunday, September 18 @ 10:15 in the library, we will begin our study of "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight" by Carol M. Bechtel. No need to sign up, just grab a refreshment and join in the fun!

Sunday School News

We are excited to announce we have a new Sunday school curriculum! It is entitled Follow Me. We will be holding Sunday school this year during church service as always but have elected to choose 2 Sundays per month in hopes of more children at each session. The following dates are slated for 2022. September 25, October 10 &

23, November 6 & 20, and December 4 & 18. Please mark your calendars! If anyone would Like to facilitate in teaching Sunday school this year, please contact Christy Higley, Natalie Martinez or Pam Moran.



Fish Fry – Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for our Fish Fry on **Friday, October 21, 2022!** Please keep an eye on the church Facebook page so you can share the event!

We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. Sign-up sheets will be in the gathering area soon. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which performs many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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Lace up your walking shoes! In September, we will be organizing our Second Presbyterian Church team to participate in the CROP Walk for Hunger on **Sunday, October 9th**. Keep an eye out in the main hallway for sign-up forms to walk or sponsor walkers. For those interested in participating, we can either walk downtown, meeting at the YMCA like in years prior OR

you can walk with your own groups. If you prefer to register online, use the following link to join the Second Presbyterian Church team: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/second-presbyterian-church-saginaw>. Any funds raised through CROP Walk go towards fighting hunger and poverty, both locally and abroad through Church World Service.

Eagle Scout Project @ Second Presbyterian Church

Life Scout Ethan Hoepfner has begun to ready the area and will begin to build the bell house for the Second Presbyterian Church bell from 1883. All funds for this project must come from donations. The estimate for the project is \$600.00. The bell house will be located next to the Second Presbyterian Church sign as you drive into the parking lot. A huge Thank

You to those who have donated to this project and for supporting Ethan on his trail to Eagle.

