
First Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022

*Those who are able may stand

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE MUSIC: Come Christians Join to Sing - Bells of Praise

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

INVITATION TO REST



SONG OF CONTEMPLATION.....“Come, Now is the Time”

***OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

We've come to worship God,
who makes streams flow from rock,
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,
who sends the rain from heaven
and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,
so we thirst for You, O God.**

Come, let's worship our life-giving God,
who pours out living water on all who thirst.

***GATHERING HYMN #192.....“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

KYRIE

(Please join us in the “Kyrie”, an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, “Lord, have mercy”. The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)

God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives:

the brittle words we have thought and spoken . . .
the relationships we let crumble . . .
the arid perspective that focuses on ourselves . . .
the cracked and jagged edges of our shared world . . .

Hear our confession, O Christ,

We need you.

Rain down your mercy upon us.

Soften where we have become hard.
Open where we have shut off.
And help us grow again in ways we thought age made impossible.

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SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD’S GRACE

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

Jesus says, “Those who drink of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.
The water I give will become in them a spring of living water.”

We are forgiven!

RESPONSE HYMN #626.....”As the Deer”

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**
Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Fantasia on the Hymntune Ebenezer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING..... 1 Kings 19:4-13 (pg 362)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING..... John 4:19-26 (pg 212)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON *Making Space for: Worship* Rev. Michael Ozaki

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #463.....”How Firm a Foundation”
vs. 1-4**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)

***BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #614.....”Great Are You, Lord” x2**

***DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**



Please join us for Coffee Fellowship today as we celebrate George French for his 40 years of devotion and service to the church playing the organ & piano!