



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God  
August 28, 2022  
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness – *Andantino*

Peeters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wisdom is calling.

**Are we listening?**

Wisdom is crying out.

**Are we listening?**

Let us listen to hear and learn to follow God's wisdom.

\*HYMN 263, V.1-4

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

**Wisdom cries out to us:**

“The Lord created me at the beginning, the first of the Lord’s holy acts of long ago,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When God established the heavens, I was there.”

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

**Wisdom cries out to us:**

I was beside God, like a master worker, and I was daily God’s delight,  
playing before the Lord always, playing in this inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

**Wisdom cries out to us:**

“And now my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways.  
Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Wise and all-knowing God, we confess our knowledge is limited. We don’t know what’s best. We don’t know how to control ourselves. We don’t know how to forgive. We don’t know how to love. And we don’t know how to faithfully follow you when there is a cost. Forgive our pride and our foolishness. Restore and redeem us. Give us a thirst for all that you are. In Jesus’ name.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God will not always accuse, nor will God harbor anger forever; God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God’s love for us.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-18

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

\*HYMN 316, V. 1-5

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Gifted with the grace of God, let us offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Bless the gifts given in thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, that we might serve you and your people with great love. In Christ's name, amen.

#### \*RESPONSE

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Doxology

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

### WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 420, V. 1-4

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness,  
Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces,  
Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not them nor Thee!  
That we fail not them nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Thy salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore,  
Serving Thee whom we adore.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness – *Allegro festivo*

Peeters

*The flowers today are given for the glory of God and in loving remembrance of those who have become precious memories that we continue to hold dear in our hearts.*

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Worship Leaders

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Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Darcel Hayes-Bridges, Liturgist

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**James 3:13-18**

Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.