



# *First Presbyterian Church*

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023 at 10:00

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

**Handbell Chimes**— *The ringing of the chimes invites you to a time of Rest...Renewal...Hope*

**Prelude**

Lucas Brown, piano

**Opening Sentences**

One: God lifts us from death to life

**ALL: and preserves us for God's purposes**

One: through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord

**ALL: and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!**

**Hymn #423 (insert)**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

**\* Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

**\* Prayer of Confession**

**All: Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in the face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. Amen.**

**\* Silent Prayer**

**\* Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Our God sees all, knows all forgives all restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

\* We Celebrate God's Forgiveness *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri) #579*

579

Glory Be to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

\* Prayer for Illumination

All: God of our present trouble and promised triumph, open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles. Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance. Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles. Open our hearts to glory in your name and seek strength in your Word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

1 Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. 2 This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bil'hah and Zil'pah his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of

his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. **4** But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

**12** Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. **13** And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." **14** So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, **15** and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" **16** "I am seeking my brothers," he said; tell me please, where they are pasturing the flock." **17** The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. **18** They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. **19** They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. **20** Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." **21** But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." **22** Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. **23** So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; **24** and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

**25** Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. **26** Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?" **27** Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. **28** When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

**Sermon**

"In a Pit?"

Rev. Nikki Passante

**We Affirm our Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the  
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe  
in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Practicing Abundant Generosity <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri11244/give/now>



Offertory "Prayer": *From Jewish Life*, No. 1 by Ernest Bloch  
Tina Edmonston, cello

\* Doxology #592 (below) *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
\* Recommitting Our Lives to Service

SERVICE MUSIC

### 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH  
LM

\* Hymn #303 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

### LEAVE TO SERVE

\* Charge and Benediction

Sending Music

Lucas Brown, piano

*Please use the Postlude time and music to reflect on today's worship experience and how it will support you in the week to come.*

**Notes for Bulletin:**

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**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!** It is good to have you here in person or online. Please be in touch if you have news to share or would like more information or to talk to a pastor. Staff contact information is below. Read full announcements in our weekly [email newsletter](#), available on the church website. Subscribe on the [Contact Us](#) tab.

**THE NURSERY** care is available in the Hospitality Center – across from Fellowship Hall.

**AFTER-WORSHIP HOSPITALITY IS BACK!** Linger a moment or two after the service to greet fellow worshippers. And please sign up with a friend or a group to host one Sunday by providing simple refreshments. There is a sign-up on the snack table or contact someone on the Hospitality Committee: [jmfiorella@gmail.com](mailto:jmfiorella@gmail.com), [shoemakerjanet68@gmail.com](mailto:shoemakerjanet68@gmail.com), [qlerch2@comcast.net](mailto:qlerch2@comcast.net), or [phurd75@gmail.com](mailto:phurd75@gmail.com),

**PASTOR NIKKI LEADS SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES-** This summer Pastor Nikki is offering three, one-hour workshops after Sunday worship in the Hospitality Center. Light snacks will be provided as well as ample time for questions and discussion!

**TODAY: Gun Violence**

*The Presbyterian Outlook* is dedicating its June issue to the topic of gun violence. The Christian Education and Justice and Advocacy committees invite you to join a discussion on August 13. Copies of the issue will be available.

**PASTOR NIKKI'S BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS @ 7 -** Pastor Nikki is hosting a Bible Study via Zoom on the book of Genesis entitled "Genesis: Relational and Family Dynamics." The reading schedule is linked on the [Adult Ed page](#) of the website. The Zoom link is <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81798184993>, and we will also meet in person at pre-determined times. Please contact Pastor Nikki if you have questions and are interested or join us on Zoom!

**The August Porch Bible Study** will meet in the Bean Parlor at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, August 15. For more information, contact Deb Nussbaum at [debranussbaum1987@gmail.com](mailto:debranussbaum1987@gmail.com).

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 8/06/23: 100** in person and **5** online.

**2023 CHURCH OFFERING UPDATE** - Please note that target numbers on the right now represent a 12 month budget.

	<u>Received to date</u>	<u>Twelve-month budget goal</u>
Envelope Giving:	\$ 381,413.00	\$ 570,270.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 6,920.00	\$ 12,000.00
Per Capita:	\$ 8,777.00	\$ 16,000.00

Worship Activity Bags are now available for children attending worship in Fellowship Hall this summer. The bags contain coloring sheets and crayons and may be taken home. Children are encouraged to draw on the bags themselves as well as the enclosed activity sheets.

**One of the highlights of the year at St. Wilfrids is the day we distribute Christmas gifts to the children.** Many would receive nothing without your generous donations. Rose Guthrie has coordinated the gift collection and distribution for the past several years and for that we (and the kids) are thankful. **Rose is ready to pass the torch to a new coordinator.** Want to learn more about what this volunteer assignment is all about? **Then just contact Paul Urian at [umanpaul@me.com](mailto:umanpaul@me.com).**

**Did you go to Kentucky in 2022?** Do you have your tee shirt you are no longer using? If so, please text me, Margot Dark, at 609-238-0694. I am trying to make a quilt with all Drew's mission trip tee shirts, and he still likes wearing Kentucky. Thank you!

**Haddonfield residents concerned about fire safety** should contact either the Haddon Fire Company at 856-429-4308, or Travis Bogetti at 856-429-1960 to arrange for a member of the Fire Company to visit your home and conduct a free safety inspection.

**As has been FPCH tradition since 2002, we will again be ringing the bells on Monday September 11** first at 8:46 AM, then 9:03 AM, 9:37 AM and 10:03 AM. And we need your help! **If you are or know a family member of a victim we would be honored for you to join us and help us ring. IF you just want to honor those by ringing that will work as well.** Please contact Margot Dark @ [margotdark@msn.com](mailto:margotdark@msn.com) and let me know your availability (and any relationship). I will be reaching out to the community, so please let me know sooner rather than later.

Our office administrator, Olivia Willison, will be on vacation from Thursday 8/10-Sunday 8/19.

**American Red Cross** will be having a blood drive in Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 1st, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: First Presbyterian Church

**Coming in the Fall:**  
**New Members Classes:**

**When:** Sunday mornings after worship beginning September 17th

**Where:** The Parlor after worship beginning September 17th

**Contact:** Rev. Dr. Marvin Lindsay and/or Rev. Nikki Passante

There will be four classes in total from Sunday September 17th through October 8th . During this time, we will hear one another's faith stories, and meet staff members, elders, and deacons. We'll hear from other ministry leaders about stewardship, and even have a building tour. As a side note I feel like most of us may benefit from a building tour! We'll get to know each other better, make connections, and learn more about the Sacraments including Presbyterian theology. We'll also hear more about what makes First Presbyterian here in Haddonfield unique. You may RSVP to Rev. Nikki Passante or Rev. Dr. Marvin Lindsay if you're interested. Our goal is ultimately for attendees to find their spiritual home, wherever that may lead!

### **Discovering God's Vision For Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts:**

**When:** Sunday mornings after worship beginning September 17th

**Where:** The Hospitality Center after worship beginning September 17th

**Contact:** Rev. Nikki Passante Classes will also begin also on September 17th and will run for 6 weeks, through October 22nd. We will learn a great deal about Spiritual Gifts, we'll both take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory and score it. Topics will include:

What Does God Want me to Do with My Life? ; Who Am I? ; What Makes me Unique? ; Your Calling. ; God's Vision and Your Vision Coming Together. This offering is generously provided for by Stephen Ministries in St. Louis. Questions? Interested? Contact Pastor Nikki at [npassante@haddonfielpres.org](mailto:npassante@haddonfielpres.org). All are welcome to attend.

## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for the following individuals and situations throughout the week. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or our new Office Administrator, Olivia Willison. Requests will be revisited every 30 days.

### **Prayers for the Church**

- Pray for the people, government, and country of **Ukraine** as war continues.
- Please pray for the **personnel at Cooper** who will be involved with Bud Miller's valve replacement, and **prayers of thanksgiving and praise** for the personnel who have been involved in his successful procedures! **(8/2-B. Miller)**
- Continue in prayer for **Isabel Pross** as she continues cancer treatment **(8/2-pastors)**
- Please pray for **Morgan**. God knows the needs. **(7/31-pastors)**
- Please **pray for freedom for both Jennifer and Tiffany**, and for their families **(7/29-G. Ladies)**
- Pray for **Ty Liska's children** who are in a guardianship situation; **pray for healing of the pain** this is causing Ty Liska **(7/28-G. Ladies)**



- Pray for **Beatrice and Colleen** that they would receive faster resolutions to their situations, and pray also for the health of their children and family members (7/28-G. Ladies)
- Please pray that **Shanella** will be able to take advantage of the re-entry program and low-income housing (7/28-G. Ladies)
- Pray for **Al Ritchie** who is recovering from a fall, and pray also for **Ginny and her family** (7/27-pastors)
- Pray for **Francie's mom** who has gone home to be on hospice (7/25-L. Sommers)
- Continued prayers for **Susan**, who has been diagnosed with brain cancer and a mass in lungs. Help her to feel God's presence and strength (7/24-C. Carty)
- Prayers for **Ebony** that she will find a healthcare provider who will listen (7/24-L. Kirsch)
- Please pray for courage and strength for **Nancy** as she continues with her cancer treatments (7/20-C. Carty).
- Prayers of comfort for **Barbara** as she grieves her husband Don (7/19-C. Carty).
- Please pray for the **Andreski family** as they grieve for Nancy, their beloved wife and mother (7/18- C. Carty)
- Pray for **19-year-old Cole**. Cole has battled cancer twice, and was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor and underwent emergency surgery. He is recovering! Pray for continued recovery and full healing! (7/13- T. Adkins)
- Please pray for health and healing for **Dottie Peatman** (7/12- M. Westermaier)
- Pray for **God's provision and protection** over Philip's upcoming trip home (7/10-P. Chang)
- Please pray for **Jason Gilbert** who suffered a fall and cut his head. He is being monitored for internal bleeding. Pray for healing! (7/7-M. Dark)
- Please pray for **Amy and Brad Strauss**, that God would be present in their lives (7/7-pastors).
- Prayers for **Jacob Stefano**, age 9, who has been battling metastatic glioblastoma since age 3. Please ask for **God's healing and loving grace** upon this sweet little boy.

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CHURCH: MISSION

# 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET LM

John Hatton (d. 1793)

Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1959

*Descant*

5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - oners

cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run, His king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown His head; His name, like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -

songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud A - men!

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume, shall rise With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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Charles Wesley, 1740

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy bos - om fly,  
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help-less soul on Thee;  
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find;  
 4. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cov - er all my sin;

While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high;  
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; Make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
 All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;  
 Just and ho - ly is Thy name; I am all un - righ - teous-ness;  
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of Thee;

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 Cov - er my de - fense-less head With the shad - ow of Thy wing.  
 False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Spring Thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.