



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 | BEING THE GOOD NEWS SUNDAY

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Ed Black

PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Arr. Greg Scherr
Betty Gardiner, flute

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 106)

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
God’s steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN NO. 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

verses 1 & 2

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*Being The Good News!
Today we hear from one of FLPC's mission partners. Our congregation participates in and supports many organizations who bring good news to the world. We celebrate the work that we do together for God's glory.
Today we welcome Jeff Armstrong, Executive Director of Family Promise of the Midlands.*

An assurance of pardon is one way of claiming God's promised forgiveness and grace. We believe that when we repent of our sin and ask God to forgive us that God does in fact forgive us. We don't need a preacher or priest to ask on our behalf. God deals with us directly as believers who seek to love and to follow.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Psalm 51*

When God wipes away our wrongdoings they are completely gone and we are saved.
We are now freed to try again. Thanks be to God.

***HYMN NO. 606**

"DOXOLGY"

*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*

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children through 1st Grade depart to Room #E-107)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:10
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"For His Glory!"

Jeff Armstrong

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

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 Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. (Luke 11:1-4)

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Siciliano”
J. S. Bach
Betty Gardiner, flute

We give to God out of gratitude. And the work of this church depends on your gifts. Offerings may be made online <https://flpc.org/giving/> or use the QR code below.



The Confession of 1967 addresses the church's role in the modern world. It calls the church to obedient action, particularly in response to social problems such as racial discrimination, nationalistic arrogance, and family and class conflict. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church's mission today and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967 - 9.46c. & 9.56*

The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The Church cannot condone poverty The church calls all people to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their families and the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raise hopes for better conditions and provide people with opportunity for a decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

*HYMN NO. 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” verses 1, 3 & 5

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grown in you and you in me.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”
Robert Hobby

Sanctuary Flowers

*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of David W. Thompson
by Sara Thompson and Edith & Dan Black*

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