

AN INVITATION TO A JOURNEY



ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 14, 2021 | 10:45 AM

PRELUDE | *Petite Promenade*

Dale Wood

PRELUDE | *It Is Well With My Soul*

Campanile Bells, Cynthia Blackwell, director

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PRAISE

Jim Birchfield

• **OPENING HYMN | #461 *God is Here***

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the S[pirit] into open mind and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out.
Here in this day's dedication, All we have to give, receive.
We, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Andrew Stepp

• **GLORIA PATRI**

Glorify 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.

- **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostle's 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.

MESSAGE | Worship as Discipleship (Colossians 3:16-17)

Jim Birchfield

ANTHEM | Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

- **MOMENT FOR COMMUNITY**

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MUSICAL OFFERING | We Believe

Heather Sorenson

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear, there is only one foundation. We believe. In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see. There is only one salvation: We believe. We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe. So let our faith be more than anthems, Let our faith be more than song, greater than the songs we sing, in our weakness and temptations, we believe. We believe in God the Father... Let the lost be found, let the dead be raised, In the here and now let love invade. Let the church live loud! Our God, we'll say, "We believe! We believe!" And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the power of God has torn the veil. Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe in God the Father...We believe, we believe!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Andrew Stepp

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Andrew Stepp

INTRODUCTION OF HOLY BAPTISM | BAPTISMAL CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL CHARGE

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. Do you, as members of First Presbyterian Church and Christ's Global Church, promise to guide and nurture all whom we baptize and their families, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his covenant community, do you? **Congregation: We do.**

THE BAPTISMS | Jeffrey Henningsen, Anne James Humphries, Christopher "Mac" Orr

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION | *Love Divine All Loves Excelling***

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

- **BENEDICTION**

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- **BENEDICTION RESPONSE | *Then Sings My Soul***

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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POSTLUDE | *Jubilate*

Gordon Young

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha and Toll Underwood by their family.



Family Movie Night: The Star

Wed | Nov 17 | 6:30–8:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join the Children & Family Ministry for a “drive-in” showing of *The Star*, an adventurous story of animal friends who follow the Christmas Star and become accidental heroes on their journey. Bring a picnic blanket for your family and we’ll provide popcorn and treats!



Advent Wreath Lighting

Sundays | Nov 28 & Dec 5, 12, 19, 24 | Both Services

Be a part of worship this season by volunteering to light the Advent candle. If you, your family, or Small Group are interested, please sign-up at fpchouston.org/advent. Feel free to select more than one date!



Advent Calendar

20th Annual Advent Missions Market

Sun | Dec 5, 12, 19 | 9 AM–1 PM | Palm Court

Family Advent Celebration

Sun | Dec 5 | 11:45 AM–1:45 PM | Fellowship Hall

41st Annual Messiah Sing-Along

Sun | Dec 5 | 7:30 PM | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Worship

3 PM | Children & Family | Grand Hall

5 PM | Contemporary | Grand Hall

7 & 9 PM | Traditional | Sanctuary

For a full list of descriptions of all the events listed above, please visit fpchouston.org/advent.

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