

* Hymn 370 *This is My Father's World*

* Confession of Sin
Gracious God, we confess that we often wish to spend all of our time with you on the mountaintop, where we are sure of your presence. We confess that when we come down from the mountain, we are inclined to go back to our routines unchanged. We are overwhelmed by the brokenness we see in the world. We struggle to see you in the faces of our neighbor. Forgive us, O God, when our vision is limited. Give us eyes to see your way in the world. Give us grace and strength to follow where Christ leads.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Response 581
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.

Proclamation of the Word

Children's Message Karen De Graaf

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 24:9-18 Andrew Mead

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

Moment for Reflection

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
We believe that God's grace is amazing.
Jesus is the good shepherd who seeks us when we are lost, who carries us home in his arms, rejoicing. Jesus welcomes all who are prodigal and welcomes all that is prodigal in us. Our belonging to God does not depend on us. We cannot earn God's love or secure our salvation. We cannot force God to cease loving or saving us.

The Holy Spirit empowers us as the church to depend on God's grace, to extend grace to all who are lost, least, or lowly, and to offer grace even to our enemies.
In Jesus, we see God's heart revealed for all time: Our very existence is sustained by God's grace. God does not condemn us. God loves us. God's grace is all we need and is perfected in our weakness. Nothing can separate us from God's boundless love in Christ.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Announcements & Celebrations

Offering

Offertory Sanctuary Choir
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Dale Wood

* Doxology 606
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

Sending to share the Word

* Hymn 192 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

* Benediction

* Benediction Response

Postlude
Consolation (Morning Song)
James Boeringer

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Susie and Tom Thurston and Mary Rose and Joseph Sember, Sr., by Susan and Joe Sember.

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays: Carol Denny, Sydney Emblar, Eleanor Sandifer, Betsy Snow, Karen Wenker, Lyn Beaver, Pace Fowler, Carolyn Glasgow

Anniversaries: Matt and Allison Dunkin, Dennis and Elayne McCoy, Karl and Lynn Hales

Joys and Concerns:

Charles Hoffman (Sharon Hoffman's brother), Clay Burleson, Jared, Meredith, Dempsey, and Teague Rowland

Libby Moore, on the death of her mother, Wanda Moore.

Family, friends, and First Presbyterian on the death of our Director of Music, Tim Waugh.

Continuing Concerns:

Fred Aggers, Bill and Sybil Baker, Malcolm Bullock, CC Crofton, Eric Finland (Glenn and Nancy Phillips's son-in-law), Mike Gobble (Christina Lewis's uncle), Maria Hudson, Vonnie Jordan (Mike Jordan's mother), Jonathan Lynch (Roxanne Myers's nephew), Mary Repsher, Elizabeth Romska, John Smith, Jane Turner (Eleanor Sandifer's sister)

Church Life

Ministry Area – Deeply Rooted

Welcome! We welcome all new and returning visitors to First Pres. Please take a moment to sign the friendship register and leave an email or phone number so we can contact you. We are glad you're here and hope you feel God's presence as you worship and fellowship among this community of believers.

Welcome! This morning we want to thank our guest musician, Dr. Charles Chandler, for worshiping with us today. Thank you, Dr. Chandler, for leading us in worship today.

Grow in Faith: Today, we celebrate High Attendance Sunday and Souper Bowl Sunday. The Sunday School Class that wins our high attendance awards will be announced next week. Thank you to everyone who supported Rowan Helping Ministries today with a donation.

Grow in Faith: A children's bulletin and busy bag are available in the Lewis Hall foyer to help our youngest saints engage in worship in a developmentally appropriate way.

