



First Presbyterian Church

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GATHERING MUSIC: “Blessed Assurance”

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GREETING

Pastor Gregg Townsend

*** CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

Together: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our path in this hour of worship and always.

—based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

O God, our guide and guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us, that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall surrender into your hands the tasks which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips only at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*** OPENING PRAISE:** “Rejoice In All Your Works”

Every mouth that cries for food. Every lung that yearns for breath.

Every eye that searches through the dark for light.

All creation looks to You. For its breath and for its food.

From the goodness of Your hand, we’re satisfied.

**Oh rejoice in all Your works. King of heaven, King of earth.
Every creature You have made declares Your praise!
We rejoice in all You've made. God of all-sustaining grace.
With the mountain sky and sea, we sing Your praise.**

Every tree that thirsts for rain. Every bird that seeks its nest.
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad.
All creation looks to You. For its breath and for its food.
From the goodness of Your hand, we're satisfied. **(Chorus)**

May the pond'rings of my heart and the song upon my lips.
With the chorus of creation join in praise.
To the God who made all things. To the Spirit who sustains.
To the Son who over all creation reigns. **(Chorus)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 16:14-31

MESSAGE

*** RESPONDING IN SONG:** "Christ Be In My Waking"

Christ be in my waking as the sun is rising. In my day of working. With me ev'ry hour.
Christ be in my resting as the day is ending. Calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking and my understanding. Guarding me from evil, walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking, every word a blessing. Pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

**Jesus this is my devotion. All my life to know You.
Ev'ry day to walk with You, Savior You're my deepest longing.
You're the One I live for. Teach me Lord to walk with You.**

Christ be in my gladness for the joy of living. Thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness. Knowing that I follow in the steps He trod. **(Chorus)**

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to. Every pleasure jaded. Every well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with His kindness. Leads me from the desert to the streams of life.
(Chorus)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

* CLOSING SONG: "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance! Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation. Purchase of God. Born of His Spirit. Washed in His blood.

This is my story! This is my song! Praising my Savior all the day long!
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Perfect submission, perfect delight. Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending, bring from above. Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **(Chorus)**

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above. Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. **(Chorus)**

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