

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PASTOR DEREK FORBES &
PASTOR MEG VAIL (PRESENTLY ON FAMILY LEAVE)

OCTOBER 11TH, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Derek

PRELUDE

Ode to Joy

Crystal Olson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nate Wiley-Drake

One: God, you are more precious than Gold, more powerful than Kings.

Many: **Help us to worship you and you alone.**

One: You remember us, even when we forget you.

Many: **Let us remember and worship you today.**

OPENING HYMN #619

“Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven”

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nate Wiley-Drake

While Moses was away atop Mount Sinai the people became restless—restless for instruction, restless for guidance, restless for love. Trusting that God always provides instruction, guidance, and love, let us confess our sins. Let us confess when we too worship things other than the Triune God. Let us pray.

Lord God, we hate to admit how many idols live in our lives. We long so much for dependability that we mistake money or power as security. We forget that these things belong to Caesar. Help us to render unto Caesar and human institutions that which belongs to them, and to instead focus on Sabbath, nourishment, servanthood and grace as the means to embody your love. And when we slip and fall, encourage us to look at the stars and be assured by the covenant promise, that you will always be our God and we will always be your people. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Time for Silent Personal Confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God promised us grace over and over: to Abraham and Sarah, to Moses, to the Hebrews in the desert. Let these baptismal waters wash over us like a spring in the desert. It is in this assurance of God’s grace that we know we are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSV)

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Alleluia Chorus

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Pastor Derek

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WORSHIP IN SONG #716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP WITH OUR GIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Nate Wiley-Drake

May we offer our lives to God to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven, and may we make our offerings this day to support the ministry of the church in this place.

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God of an unfaithful people, the people of Israel doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. Show us how to live humbly in your Word. May our lives and our offerings show us that path that Jesus Christ has laid out before us. Amen.

SENDING OUT INTO THE WORLD

WORSHIP IN SONG #233

“The Day of Resurrection”

BENEDICTION

WORSHIP IN SONG

“Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE

Brandon Clayton

Announcements:

- FPC will hold a **congregational meeting** on **Sunday, October 25th at 7pm**. Because of current Covid-19 guidelines we will hold this meeting via Zoom. A link will be sent to you prior to the meeting. If you cannot access Zoom but would like to attend, please contact Pastor Derek and he will arrange something for you. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Deacons & Elders for the following terms, and to approve Terms of Call for your pastors. Terms of Call will be distributed as soon as they are available from Session & the Personnel Committee.
- Session has unanimously voted that we continue with video worship through the month on October. Most regular in-person church meetings and ministries remain on hold until further notice. Youth Group has resumed with limited participants, masks, and social distancing required.
- Communion will be offered next on Sunday, November 1st in the church parking lot. Pastor Derek & Pastor Meg will be in the parking lot to pray with you, offer a blessing, and distribute the elements. We will also have music from our Praise Band. We hope you will join us!
- High School & Middle School youth group has returned, with some alterations to be safe

during the Covid-19 pandemic. **High School** youth group is **Monday, October 12th from 6-8pm.**

- Pam is primarily working at home with her computer so please email her instead of calling the church office - thank you! **pamr@firstpreslogan.org**
- If you have any need, you may call Pastor Derek on his mobile phone: 435-881-8535. We have many people in the church who have offered to help others in any way that is necessary. Please let us know if you have a need.

Weekly Financial Update through 10/10/20	
Week of	Weekly Contribution Needed: \$6,053
9/13	\$2,420
9/20	\$600
9/27	\$6,665
10/3	\$4,402
Current Contributions for 2020:	\$200,346
Current Expenditures for 2020:	\$213,080
Operating Budget for 2020:	\$314,778
Do you know that you can contribute via check, cash, direct deposit, Venmo, or RMDs through your retirement account? Your offerings support the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Payroll is paid on last business day of the month.	