

# First Presbyterian Church

SALT LAKE CITY

**Love God, Love One Another, Love Neighbor, Make Disciples.**

September 13, 2020 11:00 am

The New Life In Christ: A Fellowship of Prayer

Pastor Steve Aeschbacher, Preaching

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

### **PRELUDE**

Festival Voluntary by Flor Peeters

Larry Blackburn

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Steve Aeschbacher

### **PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Quiet our hearts Lord. Help us to shut out distractions and to listen to your still small voice.

Guide us and direct us with your holy light and help us to discern with clear vision your presence among us.

Send your Spirit to us to lead us as we worship you. Amen.

### **∞ INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 95:1-2, NIV

Pastor Chris Myers-Tegeer

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.**

### **∞ HYMN**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Hymnal #564

### **∞ PRAYER OF PRAISE & 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.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus Christ, even though you are God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We attend to our own needs and concerns, yet fail to care for others except when it serves our purposes. Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **∞ GLORIA**

“Glorify Thy Name” (vs. 1, 2)

Hymnal #9

## WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### RESPONSIVE READING

Luke 18:1-8

Leader: Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.  
He said:

**People:** “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men.

Leader: And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea,  
‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

**People:** “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!’”

Leader: And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.

**People:** And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones,  
who cry out to him day and night?  
Will he keep putting them off?

Leader: I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.  
However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christin Abbott

### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### †HYMN

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

Hymnal #393

### SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 4:2-9

Further Instructions

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Final Greetings

7 Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant[a] in the Lord. 8 I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our[b] circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. 9 He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here.

### MESSAGE

The New Life In Christ: A Fellowship of Prayer

### RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Sabu and Mary Thomas  
and Kris and Marnie Nielson

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY *(Give and Stay Connected at [www.fpcslc.org](http://www.fpcslc.org))*

#### OFFERTORY

“When I Think About My Life” by D.W. Loos  
Kiersten Erickson Allen, Soprano solo

#### †DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal #815

#### †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### †HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymnal #139

### BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH

**FPC Choir** starts this evening at 7:00 pm. Rehearsal will be virtual. To participate contact Alla at [akeoppel@fpcslc.org](mailto:akeoppel@fpcslc.org).

**Faith Explorers on the Knoll** - Sunday September 20 at 3:00 PM. Bring a blanket and join us for an in-person, socially distanced, outdoor version of Faith Explorers. We will be on the grassy knoll on 1st Ave, across the street from the church. Kids will get to hear a Bible story, do a craft, play games, and hear songs, all from a safe distance. Let Ms. Christin know you are coming so we can make sure we keep our meeting size less than 20 [cabbott@fpcslc.org](mailto:cabbott@fpcslc.org).

**We are on YouTube!** - We are now streaming live on YouTube in addition to Facebook Live each Sunday. There are buttons for each on our homepage. If you have Xfinity, Fire TV, Apple TV, Xbox, or a smart TV it is easy to get to YouTube on your big television for a better worship experience. Just search for First Presbyterian Church Salt Lake City  
Our YouTube Channel also has a growing number of other videos, including children's messages and special music, so check out what is available. Also, **please SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel**, that will help us get more use out of it and help you find us more easily. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2CZg9fOSYDwltN2McbHGvQ>

**Invite your Friends to Worship!** - Even though we can't gather together physically, it has never been easier to invite your friends to join you for worship online. You can point them to our home page [www.fpcslc.org](http://www.fpcslc.org) , or invite them to our Worship services on Facebook. You can even host a "watch party" on Facebook to watch together!

### FAITH

**New Testament Overview** - A New Adult Sunday School series starts this Sunday, September 13 at 10:10. We will be studying the New Testament at a high level. This class will complement our *Immerse* readings and provide some additional background for those who are curious. Everyone is welcome to join! If you'd like a zoom invitation, please let the office or Pastor Steve know.

**Join Immerse!** This fall we will be reading through the New Testament together! You can do this! We will be reading *Immerse: Messiah* together as a congregation this fall, starting on September 20. This is a unique Bible reading experience, and we will be gathering in book groups to discuss each week's reading. This is NOT a traditional Bible study, but more like a book discussion group.

If you are interested in joining a group or helping to facilitate a group, please let Jen know in the office. [Office@fpcslc.org](mailto:Office@fpcslc.org)

Facilitating the discussions is really easy, but we will also have a short training and on-going support from the pastors. Get excited to experience the New Testament like you never have before! For more information or to sign up visit <http://fpcslc.org/immerse/>

**Books are available to pick up on Wednesday and Thursday. Let the office know your pickup time or if you would like to have the book mailed.**

**Join us in leading worship!** We love having people from all parts of our community leading us in worship—praying, reading scripture, leading the call to worship. If you are interested in doing this, either in person or by video, please let us know and we will get you involved!

**Ministry is happening at FPC!** - Our classes, small groups, prayer groups, and children and youth ministries are online during this time. Check out [www.fpcslc.org/covid-19-updates](http://www.fpcslc.org/covid-19-updates) for ways to connect!

**Nites IN** - Are you wishing for more connection with other people? Would you like to use this time of disruption of our normal routines to develop a closer relationship with God? Nites IN can help! This is a way of reading and talking about the Bible that anyone can do and it will help you grow in your faith! We will help you connect with others to talk about scripture together. Visit [www.fpcslc.org/nites-in](http://www.fpcslc.org/nites-in) for more information. If you would like help finding people to connect with, contact the office and we'll help you!

## **COMMUNITY**

**Neighbor Helping Neighbor—** Reach out to your neighbors and let them know you care. Just drop off a door hanger with your name and phone number and message that you are available to help—pray, talk, listen, whatever. The hangers are available in the church office. We can figure out how to get them to you!

### **Praises to God**

- For our new members- Sandy Boade, Sabu & Mary Thomas and Kris & Marnie Nielson
- For no damage to the church during the storm last week
- For choir starting back up this week
- That we have been able to continue to support the ministries of both Ronald McDonald House and St Vincent dePauls

### **Specific Requests of God**

- Robby Higgins and family as they relocate
- Mike Koetter (herniated disk)
- Jamie Hill (recovering from surgery)
- Mickey Hafey's sister Nell Wylie, (undergoing chemo)
- Jerry Felder (home recuperating)
- Jean White (home)
- Carolyn, mother of Jamie Hill (breast cancer treatment)
- Mae Chin's daughter, Julie (brain surgery)
- Susan Bland (Cancer treatment)
- Kitty Helton (cancer)
- Nannette Eccles (on hospice)
- Daniel Salinas' father (health issues)
- Ava Piercey (health concerns)
- John Dzwilewski (recovering from heart transplant)
- Prayers for our C Street Child Dev. Center which has had to hire new staff, navigate enrollment during a pandemic, and is facing challenges to meet all of the guidelines for their NAEYC (national accreditation) in time for this Fall
- Barbara and Don Alexander's granddaughter, Ziva (thyroid symptoms)

**Those with Ongoing Health Concerns**— Brett Davidson; D’anne Chapman; Jack Chase; Jerry Felder; Mary Ellen Gibbs; Mark & Mickey Hafey; Robby Higgins; Ski Kosierowski; Dax Mascarenas; Amy Shafer; Mark Tegeder’s mom, Barbara; Marge Trusty; Ina White

**Those in Independent or Assisted Living**— Diane Barnhart (Park Lane); Barbara Boswell (Chateau Brickyard), Janice Brickey (The Ridge), Mary Kloer (Legacy Village), Bill & Libby McKay (Park Lane), Jan Springman (Solstice)