

First Presbyterian Church

SALT LAKE CITY

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

November 15, 2020 11:00 am
Immerse: The Rest of the Story
Pastor Steve Aeschbacher, Preaching

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

PRELUDE

My Heart Ever Faithful JS Bach

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

Elder Wayne Simpson

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

People: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

✠HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymnal #648

✠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

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.

You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠GLORIA

“Glory to the Lamb”

Hymnal #111

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Revelation 21:1-7 (NLT)

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone.

People: **And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a beautiful bride prepared for her husband.**

Leader: I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, the home of God is now among his people!

People: **He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.**

Leader: He will remove all of their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. For the old world and its evils are gone forever."

People: **And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making all things new!"**

Leader: And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."

People: **And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give the springs of the water of life without charge!**

Leader: All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

†HYMN

"Soon and Very Soon"

Hymnal #757

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 22:16-21 (NLT)

[16] "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star."

[17] The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let each one who hears them say, "Come." Let the thirsty ones come—anyone who wants to. Let them come and drink the water of life without charge. [18] And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the prophetic words of this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. [19] And if anyone removes any of the words of this prophetic book, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.

[20] He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!"

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

[21] The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

MESSAGE

Immerse: The Rest of the Story

OFFERING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY *(Give and Stay Connected at www.fpscl.org)*

OFFERTORY

"The Holy City"

Soloist, Scott King, Tenor

†DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #166

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

Hymnal #401

BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G Major Jon Roberts

Larry Blackburn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH

Virtual Thanksgiving Eve Service – November 25th at 7:00 pm. Join us for a time of prayer of gratitude and familiar hymns.

“In Fulfillment of the Scriptures . . . ” The Adult Sunday School is beginning a new class on Nov 15 at 10:10 am, looking at how Jesus completed the Old Testament story. Join us for a deeper appreciation of who Jesus is and why he came. Everyone is welcome to join! If you are interested just let the office or Pastor Steve know and we will get you a zoom invitation!

Pastor Chris is on leave during the month of November. Please help her by NOT calling, texting, etc. This just disrupts her time away and tempts her to work. If you have any pastoral needs or any messages you want to get to her, please let Pastor Steve or the office know and we will follow up. Thank you!

FPC Choir has started! Rehearsal will be virtual every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. To participate contact Alla at akeoppel@fpcslc.org.

Help with Worship!

We are looking for volunteers to read Scripture, lead prayers, and help with the tech team during worship. If you want to help lead worship you can do it from home or join us in the sanctuary. Just contact the office or go to <http://fpcslc.org/worship-volunteer/> to let us know. Thanks!

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/UC2CZg9fQSYDwltN2McbHGvQ>

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 , or invite them to our Worship services on Facebook. You can even host a “watch party” on Facebook to watch together!

FAITH

In fulfillment of the scriptures –

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 for ways to connect!

COMMUNITY

First Presbyterian Church SLC Photo Scavenger Hunt - You are invited to participate in the bi-weekly photo scavenger hunt. We are hosting a virtual scavenger hunt designed to get to know each other and share our talents. Each hunt will include a clue to be "solved" by submitting a picture.

To participate, go to <https://tinyurl.com/fpcusahunt> in your web browser. Request to join the Facebook group, and be ready to have some fun. A new hunt will begin every other week starting Sunday September 20th. A winner will be chosen, and prizes awarded, at the end of each hunt voting period.

Where: Facebook (join at <https://tinyurl.com/fpcusahunt>)

When: Sunday, September 20th and every two weeks thereafter.

Who: Everyone!

Praises to God

- For people recovering from Covid
- For our church music ministry
- For Immerse groups as we finish reading the new testament

Specific Requests of God

- Carol Sturges and family as they grieve John's passing
- Mary Kloer (fractured pelvis)
- Members of our church family suffering from Covid
- Mike Koetter (recovering from back surgery)
- Robby Higgins and family as they relocate
- Mickey Hafey's sister Nell Wylie, (undergoing chemo)
- Jerry Felder (home recuperating)
- Carolyn, mother of Jamie Hill (breast cancer treatment)
- Mae Chin's daughter, Julie (brain surgery)
- Susan Bland (Cancer treatment)
- Kitty Helton (cancer)
- Daniel Salinas' father (health issues)
- Ava Piercey (health concerns)
- John Dzwilewski (recovering from heart transplant back home in Boise)
- Barbara and Don Alexander's granddaughter, Ziva (thyroid symptoms)
- Barbara Joliff (cancer treatment)
- Lyn Grimaud (the right doctor and diagnosis and protection from Covid while in the hospital)

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)