

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Prelude in B-flat-major, BWV 890* J.S. Bach

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord* Christopher Tye
The Sanctuary Choir

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name
From early morn to setting sun, his might on earth proclaim.
His laws are just, and glad the heart: he makes his mercies known.
Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.
Psalm 113, adapted

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION
vss. 1-3, 5

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of all that is created, we know that there is a season for everything. We too often see the seasons of breaking down, being silent, the times of war. Merciful God, we often forget about those seasons requiring us to speak with our voice, those times for building up, times for peace. We often follow the way of our world instead of following your way.

Tender and compassionate God, sustain in our hearts the spirit of loving-kindness. Remind us of the need for different seasons. Guide us as we bring healing to this earth and all its creatures. Preserve in our hearts songs of peace and rhythms of justice.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God**

*RESPONSE HYMN

Christ Be Beside Us

BUNESSAN

**Christ be beside us; Christ be before us;
Christ be behind us, King of our hearts.
Christ be within us; Christ be below us;
Christ be above us, never to part.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Growing Edge

Rev. Dr. Alton Pollard

The Response

THE CONFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Jack Anderton

Charlotte Pecceu

also to be baptized:

Summer Campbell

Lillian Powers

Avery Summers

Charlie Cook

Sullivan Roberts

Samantha Rogers

Scott Davis

John Speiden

Naomi Linville

James Walker

Wilson Masick

Ben Williams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison adapted from our Confirmands' faith statements*

**God is the one that made all things and loves each and every
soul. Whatever we do, God loves us for who we are and does**

not discriminate. God is always with us and helps us get through tough times.

Our Savior Jesus was born from the virgin Mary and died on the cross to have our sins forgiven. Jesus gave his life for us and we should make Him proud with our future choices.

God was sent to us in the form of the Holy Spirit and it is in us. The Holy Spirit binds us, gives, us courage, and shows us the path between right and wrong and will always be with us. We see the Holy Spirit in sunsets and the beauty of God's creation.

Church is a safe place from the moment we walk in the doors; it is where we can get thoughts or questions out of our heads. Church is a community that helps us learn and grow in God's teaching. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE RENEWING THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

WELCOME

Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

*HYMN 705

You Are Holy

YOU ARE HOLY

Led by Youth Worship Arts and Chapel Choir members.
Congregation sings when invited.

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *read in unison*

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website.
You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries
of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



ANTHEM

Take My Life, that I May Be
Krista Heckmann, soloist

PATMOS
arr. J. Aaron McDermid

Text may be found at #697 in the Glory to God hymnal.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

**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.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Sending

*BLESSING

*HYMN 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reception to celebrate Pastor Rich's ministry
and say farewell as he leaves us to serve a congregation in Madison, Indiana.*



We Welcome Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard III as our guest preacher.

Dr. Pollard, appointed President of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2018, will be retiring this year. A scholar, author, consultant and speaker on the subject of African American religion and culture, Dr. Pollard was previously dean of the School of Divinity and professor of Religion and Culture at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Prior to his eleven years at Howard University, Dr. Pollard served as director of Black Church Studies and chair of American Religious Cultures at Emory University, and taught at Wake Forest University and St. Olaf College. He earned degrees from Duke University, Harvard University Divinity School and Fisk University. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Pollard and his wife, Jessica, have two adult children.

In Worship Today

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Barbara and George Dudley by their family.

USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Joe Gathright, Holly Gathright

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Alton Pollard, preacher; Rev. Steve Jester, Rev. Jordan Akin, Rev. Rich Gianzero, and members of the confirmation class, liturgists

Youth Worship Arts and Chapel Choir members: *Ricky Case, Director; Lindsay Cook & Jim Rittenhouse, leaders*

Olivia Bennett, May Davis, Wilson Masick, Lucy Speiden, Avery Summers, Briggs Tyler, Kate Watkins

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist; Israel Cuenca, percussion

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Alison Crawford and her family on the death of her mother, Gwen Knott, 3/3/23.

Mary Agnes Norman, Cecy Brewer, and their families on the death of husband and brother, Jon Norman, 2/23/23.

The family and friends of Meredith Smythe Grider on her death, 2/11/23.

The family and friends of Alice Virginia Dodd on her death, 2/6/23.

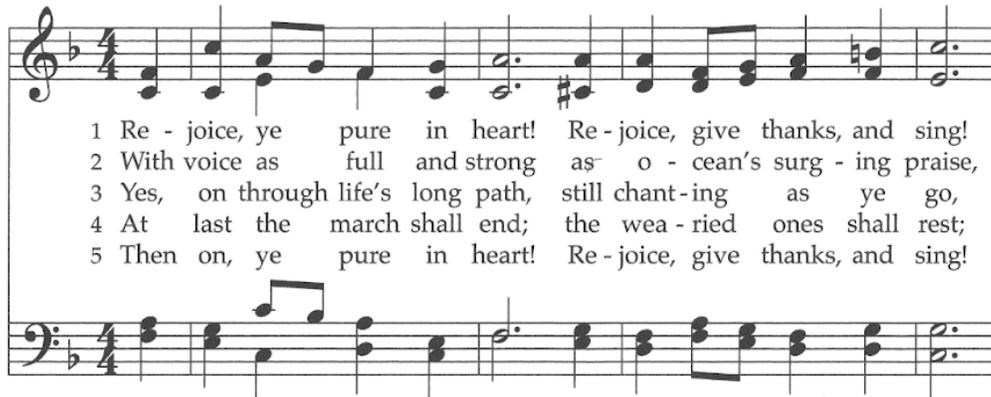
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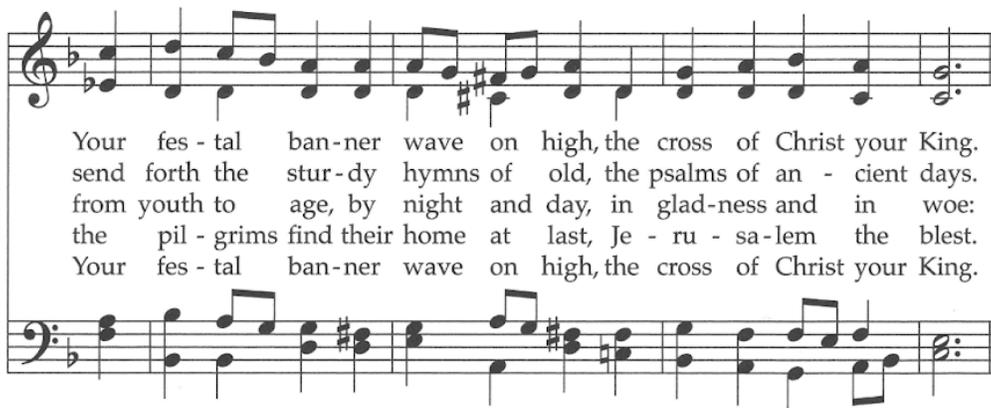


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804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain


Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

We Are Marching / Siyahamba

We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

1. march - ing in the light of God. God.
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. khos'.
 2. march - ing in the light of, the
 hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha -

We are march - ing,
 Si - ya - ham - ba,
 light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are
 nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

Oo
 march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying