

## PRELUDE

### BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

#### WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

\*Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.

**Bold text is spoken or sung by everyone.**

### WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,  
**God was.**

Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air,  
closer than breathing, **God is.**

In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust  
and human knowledge has been completed, **God will be.**

Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it, not condemning the world,  
but redeeming it through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
**God was, God is, God will be.**

\*HYMN #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" (St. 1, 4, 5)

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to our God, for the Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

#### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have so much baggage. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

We say things we don't mean. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

We hang onto the pain like it's valuable. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

In the end it can only hurt us. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

It will weigh us down. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

Drag us under. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

You have forgiven us, God. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

For all the thoughts we don't say out loud. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

For all those things we hope no one knows. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

You ask us to forgive the ones who hurt us. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

As completely and easily as you forgive us. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

Unconditionally. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

Without expecting anything in return. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

Help us to forgive them. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

Help us to forgive ourselves. **Forgiveness isn't easy.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION TO GOD

*Silence is held for personal confession.*

Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new. **Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Siblings in faith, God forgives us and strengthens us for love;  
therefore, be at peace.

#### \*SONG OF ASSURANCE

#598 "Amen, We Praise Your Name" (Sing twice)

**Amen, we praise your name, O God! Sing praises!**

**Amen, we praise your name, O God! Sing praises!**

**Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God!**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called  
as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Speak God, to our listening; speak God, to our thinking;  
speak to our soul's deep understanding. Amen.**

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'

#### RESPONSE

Let your word live within us, faithful God.

**Day by day, night by night, in our thinking, our speaking, our doing,  
our believing.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Emma Kowalski, Piano

#### DISCOVERY TIME

Lisa Carroll

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:1-12

'Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, "Let me take the speck out of your eye", while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you. Ask, and it will

be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.'

#### RESPONSE

For your words that tell stories, your words that make us laugh and cry,  
your words that make us think. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "See Ya on the Hillside"

Mission Trip Report 2024

#### TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

*Please let the bell tone help in your meditation and reflection. This is an ancient Christian monastic and Eastern meditation practice aid.*

\*HYMN "This Little Light of Mine" (See insert)

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

*In order to preserve confidentiality, the sharing of joys and concerns portion of our service is limited to only those present in the sanctuary.*  
We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of grace, **hear our 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.**

#### A TIME FOR GENEROSITY

Let us joyfully share our abundance with others, as we trust in God who provides for all our needs.

#### OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #616 "Awesome God"

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love; our God is an awesome God!**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, thank you for giving us a joy for generosity and a genuine love for those who are in need. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and upon our lives that together we may bring healing and hope, light and life to the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN #769** "For Everyone Born" (St. 1, 3, 5)

**\*RESPONSIVE CHARGE**

Jesus said to go into all the world. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
Into the big cities and small towns. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
The farms and mountains. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
The shelters and homes. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
Jesus said, "Feed the hungry." **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
Shelter the homeless. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
Heal the sick. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
Visit the impoverished. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
And ask for nothing in return. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
Expect nothing in return. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
Love without expectation. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
Love without strings attached. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
It won't be easy. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
Some people are hard to love. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
He loved for no other reason than to love. **We will love like Jesus loved.**  
We will do the same. **We will love like Jesus loved.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

- ✚ Family of Faith, as we go forth from here, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
- ✚ And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship, power, and light of the Holy Spirit be with you, today, tomorrow and forever. Amen.

**\*LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES WITH US.** *We carry the Christ Candle out of the sanctuary as a reminder that God's love is with us, even as we go out in peace, guided by the Spirit to bring healing and hope to a broken, hurting and grieving world.*

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #591** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**POSTLUDE**

**PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

Worship Leaders	Carmen Lawler, Emma Halle, Sammy Halle, Carly Schilling, Addie Wray, Kelsey Wray
Piano/Organ	Lisa Carroll
Special Music	Emma Kowalski, Piano
Media Production	Tech Lead: Dominic Kaiser Tech Team: Aaron Schmidlkofer, Ruth Walsh and Sean Walsh
Deacons	Kathy Kramer, Kathy Nimm, Gerri Toyama
Greeters	Pam Smith & Gerri Toyama
Nursery	Therese Brooks

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Danielle Redding, Joy Thomas, and Terry Bernick. Please give names for the prayer list to the church office. Names will be kept on the prayer list for two months.

**OUTREACH TO THE HOMEBOUND, RECOVERING AND ON OUR HEARTS:**

Each week we list one of our members or friends and encourage you to send a card or note. This week we are thinking of: **Diane Helgerson, 112115 Hatimar Ln., Marshfield WI 54449.** Please reach out to anyone you think needs a little encouragement with a friendly chat. Lift a spirit with a phone call, email, FB message, etc.

**PASTOR LAURIE IS ON VACATION AND WILL RETURN TO CHURCH, ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.** If you have a pastoral emergency during her vacation, please contact Rev. Janet Wolfe, 715.486.9307.

**HYGEINE PRODUCT DRIVE:** Help the FPC confirmation class provide hygiene items to area youth in need by bringing hygiene products to the collection box in the narthex in July. We are collecting shampoo, body wash, face wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and feminine hygiene products (tampons and pads). Items will be divided between Best First Day (Aug 14) and area high schools (distribution throughout the year).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024:** VBS is fast approaching and filling our camper spots is priority number one! We need your help in recruiting youth entering grades 1-6. Please let family, friends and neighbors know about our great VBS Day Camp, August 5-8, 9am-2pm. There are also sign-up sheets in the narthex if you'd like to donate food items or time; check out our needs and see how you can help. More information is available on the FPC website Facebook page or contact Carmen Lawler at [christianed@fpcmarshfield.org](mailto:christianed@fpcmarshfield.org) or 715-384-2484.



**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Mission Trip Youth Report**  
**July 28, 2024**

**WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!** We would be delighted if you would fill out our quick and easy green VISITOR CARD in the center pocket of your pew. Please place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship.

**WELCOME TO FAMILIES** with children and infants for worship. The staffed nursery is available for infants through three years old. Worship Bags, on a stand at the entrance to the sanctuary, are available to enhance kids' worship experience.



**HEARING & VISUAL ASSISTANCE** Ask an Usher for help: Switch hearing aid to T-Coil Loop Listeners. Magnifiers are available.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin seeks to welcome all to join us on our journey of faith, denying no one, based upon their particular human condition, participation in the life of the church. We want to be a safe place, a sanctuary where people are accepted, included, and cared for as they are. We will be agents of God's transforming power, aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit as we pray, worship, learn, share fellowship and serve together. By attending to the love of Jesus Christ in our midst, we discover a deepening faith that makes a difference in our lives. As a community based on God's love, we strive to be of service to our neighbors and to the world.

**WE CHOOSE WELCOME:** We at FPC have embraced the "We Choose Welcome" awareness campaign of the PC(USA) which expresses our personal and church-wide commitment to welcome refugees and immigrants into our communities. In the midst of fear of terrorism and radicalism, hate speeches and hate crimes, anxiety about our own economic prosperity, and political debates which seek to divide us between those who were born here and those who were not, we choose welcome for all children of God, proclaiming one household.

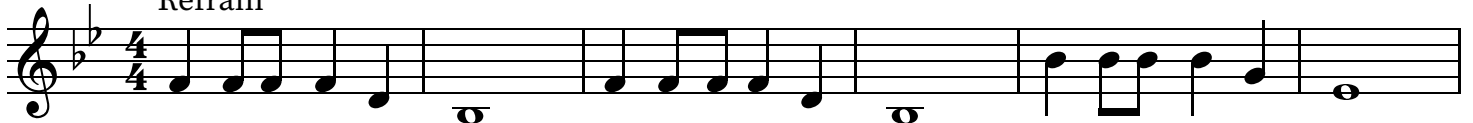
**THE BLESSING BOX** at the front of our sanctuary provides a tangible way to express gratitude for the many ways God blesses us. All money placed in the box assists local individuals with carefully vetted, urgent needs occurring due to job loss, domestic violence, health issues and the like. We work with Faith Lutheran Care Fund to provide direct payments for necessities such as gas, rent or utilities. All are invited to share in this act of love by placing donations in the Blessing Box during the offertory.

# This Little Light of Mine

African-American Spiritual

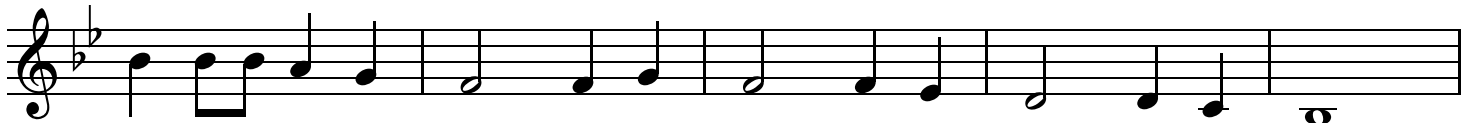
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## Refrain



This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. This lit-tle light of mine,

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I'm gon-na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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## Verse



1. All a - round the neigh-bor-hood, I'm gon-na let it shine. All a - round the  
2. Put it under a bush - el, no! Put it under a  
3. No-body's gon - na (poof) it out, No-body's gon - na

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neigh-bor-hood, I'm gon-na let it shine. All a - round the neigh-bor-hood,  
bush - el, no! Put it under a bush - el, no!  
(poof) it out, No-body's gon - na (poof) it out,

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I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (To Refrain)