

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

50th Anniversary Celebration of the Presbyterian Child Center
September 10, 2023

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Lord, we ask that you care for the children who attend the PCC today and every day. Keep them safe and protected. Use every teacher, every person, every experience, and every lesson to shape them into your image, to grow in the fruit of your Spirit. Grow their hearts to love others. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. Raymond H. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Call to Prayer"

Thurlow Weed, 2009

God of all Creation, hear us when we pray;
Grant to us thy Peace, hold us in thy sway.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you."

People: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: "If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going."

People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon us and His glory will appear over us.

Leader: “While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

People: Nations shall come to our light, and kings to the brightness of our dawn.

***Hymn**

“God Is Here!”

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

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Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading Mathew 5:14-16

Scarlet McCall

Children’s Choir “Jesus Loves Me” and “This Little Light of Mine”

Second Scripture Reading Mark 10:13-16

Gracie Salley

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Program “Jesus Was a Cool Dude” by Chelsea Gorman

Song

“Blind Man”

*Blind Man stood by the road and he cried,
He cried, “OHHH!” Show me the way,
Show me the truth,
Show me the light and the way to go home!*

*We all stood by the road and we cried,
We cried, “OHHH!” Show us the way,
Show us the truth,
Show us the light and the way to go home!*

*Jesus stood by the road and he cried,
He cried, “OHHH! I am the way,
I am the truth,
I am the light, and the way to go home.”*

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“Good Samaritan”

First Narrator: Devin Griggs

Injured Gracie Salley

Woman:

Robbers: Jolten Ramsey, Colton South, and Quentyn
Denen

Priest: Major Gravely

Levite: Karson Caudill

Samaritan: Scarlet McCall

Innkeepers: Maleeha Longsdorf and Mazley Nawman

Questioner: Aubree Stevens

Second

Narrator: Nate Angel

Meditation

“Why Jesus Is a Cool Dude” Nate Angel and Devin Griggs

The Response to the Word

***Hymn**

“Jesus Was a Cool Dude”

Devin Griggs

Poem

Jacquie D’Angelo

Mission of the PCC

Stephanie Huddleston

History of the PCC

Connie Dwyer

Prayers of the People and 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.

Recognizing the PCC Teachers and Staff

Abbey Stonerock

Recognizing the PCC Leadership Team

Stephanie Huddleston

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Sebastian Temple, 1967

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,

And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

(refrain) O Master, grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand

To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness only light,

And where there's sadness ever joy. (refrain)

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace.

***Response**

“Doxology”

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*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending of God's People

*Closing Hymn

“These Treasured Children”

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*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response

“We Are the Church”



I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!



All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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*Postlude

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

arr. Charles Callahan

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood

Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Liturgist: David Parrott

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolytes: Devin Griggs, Nate Angel

David grew up and went to school throughout the state of Iowa, but recently moved to London, Ohio in the summer of 2020 with his wife, Stephanie, after she graduated with her PhD in chemistry from Iowa State University. They will be celebrating their 3rd wedding anniversary this September. David and Stephanie can often be found gardening and riding their tandem bicycle on the trails surrounding London. They love to spend time with their furry children (Minnie, a 2 year old Staffordshire terrier, and Charlie, a 10 year old Mini Rex rabbit). If you happen to find yourself at the Madison Health Hospital in London, you might see David, as he recently started working there as a phlebotomist and lab technologist.