

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ISELIN

Minds, hearts, hands and voices in Christ

Service and Message by: Rev. Chris Houtz

Liturgist: Elder Jim Durgana

We request that you silence all electronic devices **before** service begins.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PROMISE

Sunday, August 8, 2021

10:30 am

PRELUDE

Alaine Bolton, Director of Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Jim Durgana, Liturgist

CHORAL INTROIT (2x)

Jesus, We Are Here
Gathering

Words and Music by
Patrick Matsikenyiri

D A Em/A
Je - sus, we are here, Je - sus,
Je - su ta - wa pa - no, Je - su

D/A Dmaj7 D D7 G
we are here, Je - sus, we are here,
ta - wa pa - no, Je - su ta - wa pa - no,

D/A A9 A7 D Em7/A
we are here for you.
ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re

D D Em7/A D Em7/A D rit.
Mam-bo Je - su nyu.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Elder Jim Durgana, Liturgist

We continually praise the Lord and bless the Lord's name.

Our souls boast in the Lord and we exalt the Lord's name together.

We seek the Lord, and the Lord answers.

The Lord delivers us from all our fears.

Look to the Lord and be radiant, show your faces and never be ashamed.

Our souls cry out to the Lord, and we are saved from every trouble.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)**

Elder Jim Durgana, Liturgist

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*** HYMN #401**

Here In This Place

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Elder Jim Durgana, Liturgist

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, confessing our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Elder Jim Durgana, Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Merciful God, hear now our own personal confessions that we lift up to you in silence.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

Rev. Chris Houtz

In the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Chris Houtz

People of God, hope in the Lord! God in Christ has forgiven us! God has redeemed us from all our iniquities through Christ, who loved us and gave himself for us as living bread for the life of the world.

Thanks be to God.

*** THE RESPONSE #633**

Praise Ye the Lord (refrain only)

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please pass the peace with friends and loved-ones!)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Chris Houtz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of daybreak, our souls wait for your light more than those who watch for the morning. Let your Holy Spirit illumine our hearts with the light of your redemption, a new day, a new life in Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ Then the Judeans began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **5** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

THE MESSAGE

Living a New Life

Rev. Chris Houtz

*HYMN #522

I Am the Bread of Life

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

THE OFFERING

With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God from whom they came.

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE #608**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Generous, transforming God, thank you for the blessing of honest labor, through which you have provided these gifts for our hands to share with those in need. We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #749**

Come! Live In The Light

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (2x)

Go with God

Rom. 8:14
Departing/Benediction

Words and Music by
Isaiah Jones, Jr.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Go with God. Go with God. As you leave this place, go with God. God will direct your way, God will light ev - 'ry day. As you leave this place, go with God." The chords indicated above the notes are: F, Bb, Eb, Dm7, G7, Cm, Eb/F, F, Bb, Eb/F, Bb, Bb7/D, Ebmaj7, Cm7, Bb/F, F7, Bb, and (Eb/F).

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THE POSTLUDE

Friendly Reminders!

Margarita Estrada Vacation Days
Friday, August 27th

India Independence Day and Flag Hoisting Ceremony
Saturday, August 14th in the church parking lot.
All are welcome!

Next Session Meeting, Sunday, August 15th

Per Capita Apportionment for 2021 is \$40.45
As of 6/28/21, 42 members have reimbursed the church for per capita responsibilities! Thank you!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Office open Monday-Friday, 9am to 1 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesdays at 2 pm

Wednesdays – Bible Study in Fellowship Hall at 11 am

Rev. Chris' Congregational Call

Every Thursday at 11 am

Men's Breakfast – 1st Saturday of the month at 8 am.

Sunday Bible Study
9:00 am

Session 'in-person' meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month

Divine Worship: In sanctuary and on Facebook Livestream
Sundays at 10:30