

Welcome to this service of worship. As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people. We light the Peace Candle to stand as a beacon of hope, calling us and all the world from darkness to light, from violence to peace.

[*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.
Bold type signifies congregational response.

WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME

PRELUDE *Nun Bitten Wir (Now We Pray)* *Buxtehude*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give ear to our words, O Lord.
To You, O Lord, we offer prayer and praise.
Let all who take refuge in you rejoice.
Let us ever sing for joy!
Come, let us worship God.

* HYMN #482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

Loving God, in this time of worship, hear our prayers, and help us to hear your voice. Help us to focus on what is truly important – living faithful lives, and serving the people around us. May our time here this morning strengthen us for your service, and fill us with joy to share. Amen.

*PRAYER RESPONSE #577 *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison):

We the members of this congregation welcome you with joy and thanksgiving into our fellowship and ministry. We pledge to you our Christian love, help, and prayer, as together we seek to discover God's presence among us.

HYMN #438 (vs. 1, seated) *Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*

INSTRUMENTAL *Etude for Clarinet #1* C.Rose
(from 32 Etudes for Clarinet)
Ian Tamburini, clarinet

SCRIPTURE Luke 7:36-50 Pew Bible NT p. 64-65

MESSAGE "Where All Are Invited" Rev. Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 291 *O God of Earth and Altar*

MINUTE FOR MISSION Monroe Scholarship
Jane Murray, speaker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer is found on the top of page 16 of the Hymnal, traditional version using "debts" and "debtors"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Etude for Clarinet #24* C.Rose
(from 32 Etudes for Clarinet)

Ian Tamburini, clarinet

*RESPONSE *All Things are Thine*
(Tune: 423, Duke Street)

**All things are thine: no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today
Thine own before thy feet we lay.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, through the abundance of your love and forgiveness, we are able to come with our gifts and gratitude. Accept these offerings, and our very lives, to help create your beloved community here on earth. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #332 *Live Into Hope*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go with the blessing of God's Holy Spirit.
May God's spirit lead us into the truth.
Go with the assurance of God's constant presence.
May God's grace fill us with overflowing joy! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #322
Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

POSTLUDE *Processional in G Major* Stanley

SERVICE

Flowers: The flowers are given today by Grace Buabeng in celebration of the birthdays of son Michael Ofori and also Abena Amankwah.

Liturgist: TBA

Greeters: Holly Billings, Mimi Nelson.

Ushers: Michael Asare, Felecia Fleeting, Grace & Ernie Brodeur.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for refreshments and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship. **Sue Labins** is hosting today.

This is a welcoming Church, embracing sisters and brothers without regard to age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation or theological viewpoint. We want our visitors to feel a part of the family.

“Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).”

There is a variety of materials near the entrance to acquaint you with the Church. We encourage you to sign the guest book in the entry and to use the yellow card in the pews to register your attendance and enable us to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Please place yellow cards in the offering plates.

All of our services and activities are open to non-members.

Offering Envelopes are available in the pews for the convenience of those who may have forgotten their assigned envelope or for those who wish to use an envelope for a cash gift. If you wish your contribution to be used for a specific cause, please indicate that on the envelope.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Anyone who has difficulty in hearing and understanding the service is encouraged to use the assisted listening system. This is a wireless system so users can sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Receivers are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. Many of you have used a similar system at the Bushnell or Hartford Stage.



During the service: we provide Nursery Care in the Buchanan Room for children up to age 4. An usher will direct you to the location. Shannon Hopkins is the nursery director and Augusta Jara is the assistant. For safety's sake, please have a responsible adult drop off and pick up your child. The nursery is air-conditioned during the summer.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Russell Feroe, Interim Pastor.

Office Hours 8:30 am – 12:00 noon Tue., Wed., Thu. E-mail: rferoe@sbcglobal.net or call: 860-904-6467 anytime.

Dianne Ney, Music Director; Ruth Van Anden, Office Mgr.; John Du Pont, Sexton.

Office Hours: M – F 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
(Closed 12:00 – 1:00 PM).

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