



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CLEVELAND

JUNE 14, 2026
 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 10AM Sanctuary Worship

WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Let Us Come to Worship God based on Psalm 100*
 traditional melody from Taiwan

WELCOME Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

INTROIT *I Love the Lord Based on Psalm 116*
 African American Spiritual

I love the Lord, he heard me cry and chased my grief away.
 O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, behold the works of the Living God.
Listen for what God would say to us.

**We await God's word for our church
and for the times in which we live.**

God beckons us to remember
the support and promptings of the Spirit.

**We have received comfort and assurance,
and our eyes have been opened to God's challenges.**

God does not let us escape the world's pain
when we come to this place apart.

**Some of the pain is our own, and we seek relief.
Much is borne by others, whom we want to help.**

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**We open ourselves to God's healing
and offer ourselves for further service.**

* INVOCATION PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**God of all creation, help us to recognize your presence among us.
May we greet one another as your precious children
and as messengers of your care.**

**Help us offer such hospitality to one another
that even the most skeptical among us will be touched by love.
You are love; in you we find hope amid our weakness and doubt.
Let your glory shine in this place today
as we lift up the cup of salvation and call on your name.
Amen.**

* HYMN #385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

TEXT: William Kethe, 1560
MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Philip Fritz

Come to the One who justifies and reconciles,
who knows us as we are
and yet reaches out to draw us into the realm of God.
Be still and know that God is God.
Let us confess our sin.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for silent personal confession.
Thus, we pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Powerful and Merciful God,
you have blessed us abundantly,
and we have complained.
You have linked our lives with others,
and we have abused their trust.
We have despised our birthright
and misused your blessing.
We have left undone many of the tasks you set before us,
while pursuing passions and pleasures
that have become our gods.
We have strayed so far from the truth
that we find truth hard to recognize.
We are sinners with no place to turn
except to your compassion and salvation,
pleading for forgiveness and strength
to lead a new life in Christ Jesus.**

(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE

Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Congregation

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
In our weakness God offers Christ's strength.
In our alienation from God,
Christ is the reconciler who draws us back to eternal verities.
The life of Christ invites us into the stream of salvation,
where healing waters flow.
Our thirst is quenched and there is plenty of water to share.
God equips us, as forgiven sinners, to labor in fields ripe for harvest.
Praise God!

Alleluia and Amen!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

* GLORIA #583

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.

What shall we return to God for all the bounty we have received?

Everything we have comes from God and is but lent to us for a time.

Let us offer a thanksgiving sacrifice,

rejoicing in the opportunity to share in bringing in the harvest for God.

The offering will now be received.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Peter Angela

Jubilate Deo omni terra Servite Domino in laetitia
Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia! Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness:
come before his presence with singing. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth to all generations. (Psalm 100:1, 2 & 5)

* DOXOLOGY #608

PRAISE GOD

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Philip Fritz

Let us join our voices in prayer:

Eternal God,

we have heard Jesus direct us to travel light through life,

but many prized possessions weigh us down.

We enjoy them!

At your altar we are faced with hard choices.

Dedication of these offerings is but a prelude to further struggle.

How shall we deploy all the resources you entrust to our care?

Amen.

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Simple Gifts

SHAKER HYMN

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord God, by your Spirit
teach us to obey your voice
and keep your covenant
so that we may be a priestly kindom,
your holy people;
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE READINGS

Tanach

Exodus 19:2-8a (Inclusive Bible)

They had traveled from Rephidim into the desert of Sinai, and camped there, in front of the mountain.

Then Moses went up to God, and YHWH called out from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob, what you are to tell the Israelites:

'You saw for yourselves what I did to Egypt, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. If you now listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then out of all people you will be my cherished ones.

Truly, the whole earth is my own, but you will be a kindom of priests—a holy nation.' These are the words you are to say to the Israelites."

Moses descended from the mountain. Summoning the elders of the people, he laid down for them the things YHWH said to him.

The people answered with one voice, "What YHWH has said, we will do."

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.

With God's help we are listening.



Make a joyful
noise to the Lord,
all the earth.

—Psalm 100:1

Psalter

Psalm 100 (Inclusive Bible)

¹ Acclaim YHWH with joy all the earth!

² Serve YHWH with gladness!

Enter into God's presence with a joyful song!

³ Know that YHWH is God!

YHWH made us, and we belong to the Creator;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴ Enter God's gates with thanksgiving

and the courts with praise

Give thanks to God! Bless God's Name!

⁵ For YHWH is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Gospel

Matthew 9:33-37 (Inclusive Bible)

Once the demon was expelled, the individual began to speak—to the great surprise of the crowd. “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel!” they said.

But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons through the power of demons.”

Jesus continued touring all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of God's reign and curing all kinds of disease and sickness. At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus said to the disciples, “The harvest is bountiful, but the laborers are few.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“Singing God's Praises”

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

* NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

**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.**

I will walk in the pres - ence of God.

I will walk in the land of the liv - ing.

1 I love the Lord, who has heard my voice;
And listened to my supplication.
2 for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

Refrain

12 How shall I repay the Lord
For all the good things God has done for me?

13 I will lift the cup of salvation
And call on the name of the Lord.

14 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
In the presence of all God's people

Refrain

15 Precious in your sight, O Lord,
Is the death of your servants

16 O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant the child of your handmaid;
You have freed me from my bonds.

17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
And call upon the name of the Lord.

18 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
In the presence of all God's people,

19 in the courts of the Lord's house,
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem, Hallelujah

Refrain

* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

As you leave this place, know that the Lord is God.

**It is God who has made us
and pronounced us God's "cherished people;"
God desires we also treat our neighbors as cherished people.**

God lifts us up as on eagles' wings;

**through Christ we have been sent out
to lift up those who have been made low
by worldly powers that deny them justice,
compassion and the necessities for well-being.**

When we embrace God's loving hand stretched out to us,

We accept God's commission to stretch out our hands to others in love.

And now, as you go out into the world,
may the grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you
now and forevermore. Amen.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Anonymous

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Old Hundredth

Evan Collins

*"My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

Psalms 73:26



We continue to keep in our prayers:

Jane Hazen, John Young Jr., Dorland, Philip Sykora, Dawson,
Addie Singleton, Rajvinder Kaur,
Jo'Anna Thomson and family, Pat Buchanan and family, Rosa Buccino and family,
Drs. Peter and Rebekah Stafford and family

We pray for the repose of the soul of Laurie Thomson,
may her memory be a blessing.

We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.



Please join us for Communion following the service this morning in the Chapel.

Wednesdays at 12:15 PM please join us in the Sanctuary for a Mid-Week Communion Service.



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Sunday June 14

- 10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:30AM** Communion/Chapel
- 12:00PM** Psalm Bible Study/Gallery
- 12:30AM** Chair Exercise/Chapel
- 1:40PM** Guardians-Tigers/Progressive Field

Tuesday June 16

- 12:15PM** Tuesday AA Meeting/Cuyahoga Room

Wednesday June 17

- 11:00AM** Stirring Up Hope Soup Pantry
- 12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary
- 6:00PM** Welcoming & Fellowship Meeting/ZOOM

Thursday June 18

- 7:00PM** FPS Directors Meeting/Conference Room

Friday June 19 Juneteenth

All Day Building and Offices Closed

Sunday June 21

- 10:00AM** Worship with Baptism/Sanctuary
- 11:15AM** Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/Cuyahoga Room/Second Floor
- 11:30AM** Communion/Chapel
- 12:00PM** Psalm Bible Study/Gallery
- 2:00PM** Juneteenth Concert/Sanctuary

Tuesday June 23

- 12:15PM** Tuesday AA Meeting/Cuyahoga Room

Wednesday June 24

- 11:00AM** Stirring Up Hope Soup Pantry
- 12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary

Sunday June 28

- 10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary
- 11:30AM** Communion/Chapel
- 11:30AM** Deacons Meeting/Conference Room
- 12:00PM** Stated Session Meeting/Cuyahoga Room
- 1:40PM** Guardians-Mariners/Progressive Field

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Noah Whitaker, *tenor*

Morgan Potts, *alto*

Christopher Clark, *bass*

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