

PRELUDE

Little Prelude and Fugue in E Minor Bach

Faye Bartley

WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER

Jamie Bishop

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Come and worship, proclaim God's steadfast love.

We will tell of God's love in our lives.

Come and worship, for we are God's people.

God is faithful, nothing can keep us apart.

Come and worship, for God keeps all promises.

We rejoice for God is with us always.**CALL to CONFESSION****PRAYER of CONFESSION****God of Love, too often we worship power when we should serve others in humility. We hear the good news but put it off until a better time.****God, you cast out your net of grace so that all might be gathered into your kingdom. Your Spirit carries the whispers of our hearts to you, blessing us with your love through Jesus Christ.****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Christ's love binds us to God forever.

There is nothing in this world, or beyond,
that will keep us from being God's children.**Thanks be to God! Amen.****GLORIA PATRI**

Congregational Singing

PASSING of the PEACE

Jamie Bishop

***SONG of the DAY**

Congregational Singing

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty, No. 489

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 128:1–6 NLT

Jamie Bishop

————— *Children invited to attend Sunday School* —————**WORD in SONG**

Thy Word arr. Hayes

Faye Bartley

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Rev. Susan Baller-Shephard

MESSAGE

5 Steps Closer

Rev. Susan Baller-Shephard

***HYMN**

How Great Thou Art, No. 467

Congregational Singing

OFFERING

Offertory The Gift of Love arr. Diemer

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Faye Bartley

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Rev. Susan Baller-Shephard

***HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, No. 403

Congregational Singing

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Susan Baller-Shephard

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune arr. Young

Faye Bartley

Psalms 128:1–6¹ How joyful are those who fear the Lord—

all who follow his ways!

² You will enjoy the fruit of your labor.

How joyful and prosperous you will be!

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful grapevine,

flourishing within your home.

Your children will be like vigorous young olive trees

as they sit around your table.

⁴ That is the Lord's blessing

for those who fear him.

⁵ May the Lord continually bless you from Zion.

May you see Jerusalem prosper as long as you live.

⁶ May you live to enjoy your grandchildren.

May Israel have peace!

Matthew 13:31–32, 44–52³¹He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seedthat someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when

it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air

come and make nests in its branches.”

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⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and

hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding

one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caughtfish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the goodinto baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels willcome out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of

fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Treasures New and Old

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “There-

fore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of

a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”



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HELPFUL REMINDER

Before the service begins, please 'Check In' using your pew pad (located in each pew) or via the Second Pres church app. Search 'Second Pres' in the app store.

We're happy you're here with us!

COMING UP

SAVE-the-DATE **SECOND PRES FELLOWSHIP OPEN** **AUGUST 6 at 1:00 PM**

You are invited to participate in our 2023 Second Pres Fellowship Open taking place Sunday, August 6 at 1:00 PM at Ironwood. Sign up on or before July 30. There is a \$60.00 entry fee.

Tee time is 1:00 PM. Format: 4 person best position scramble. Questions or to sign up, contact:

Dave Pendell: 309-826-8815 or email pendell113@gmail.com

SAVE-the-DATE **CHAPEL MEETING** **AUGUST 6 at 8:00 AM, MARQUIS CHAPEL**

Join Pastor Trey as we discuss the Chapel service moving forward.

SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

9:00 am: Sanctuary Service

EVERY SUNDAY

8:30 am: Sunday Morning Brunch

9:00 am: ACE (Adult Christian Education)

On summer break

11:30 am: Jr. High and High School Lunch

On summer break

3:00 pm: FTC Robotics

Lego League Robotics

EVERY TUESDAY

7:00 pm: Scouts Troops 903 and 9903

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm: K-6 Kid's Min (90 minutes)

On summer break

EVERY THURSDAY

11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch

BIBLE STUDIES

EVERY TUESDAY

8:30 am: Morning Men's Bible Study
(Wylie)

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

11:30 am: Bible Study
(Jones)

For more information on Bible studies,
please visit: secondpres.com/biblestudy

Welcome to SECOND PRES



5 STEPS CLOSER

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Sunday, July 30, 2023
9:00 AM Service

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