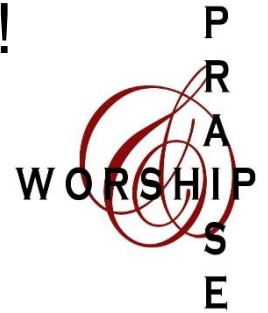




# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

First Presbyterian Church  
Yuma, Colorado

We are glad you are here!!  
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September 15, 2024

## Gathering Music

## Welcome and Life in Fellowship

## Opening Scripture

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

### \*Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

One: Look at the heavens!

**All: They are shouting the glory of God.**

One: The days and the nights proclaim God's handiwork.

**All: We rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation!**

**God of love, from before the world's foundations, your love is the energy of our lives. Let our words of praise be acceptable to you. Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer! Amen.**

### \*"Shout to the Lord"

#94

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing;  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

When you see \* before something in the service, please rise in body or spirit.

When Darlene Zschech, of Sydney, Australia, wrote "Shout to the Lord" she wasn't sure it was any good. She was going through a dark time of self-doubt. She wondered if God could use anything she did. After reading Psalm 96, her depression began to lift and the song "Shout to the Lord" emerged.

When Zschech mentioned the song to the music pastor of her church, he insisted on coming to her house to hear it, and he brought a friend. She was so nervous and shaky that she didn't know if she could play the piano, much less sing the words. When she finished, the two men said it was wonderful, but she thought they were just being polite. It wasn't until later, when her pastor raved about the song, that she realized it might have a life beyond her personal devotional time.

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

Let us trust God's mercy and enter the healing waters of forgiveness and grace. Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness...

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: When people ask, "Who is this Jesus?" share with them that he loved the world so much that he lived for us, suffered for us, died for us, and rose again for us, and invite them to follow him. Please stand as you are able and share this with those around you by saying: "The peace of Christ be with you."

**All: And also with you.**

### **Time for God's Kids**

**Jenna Zahller**

### **Prayer for Illumination** *(in unison)*

Speak to us, Spirit of Knowledge, so that we may focus on divine things. Pour out your Wisdom upon us so we may respond by taking up our cross and following you. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

God's word for God's people.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

**#344**

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus—no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me—no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow, though none go with me, I still will follow,  
though none go with me, I still will follow – no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?—no turning back, no turning back.

## \*“Christ Is God’s Never Changing ‘Yes!’”

#369

Christ is God’s never changing “Yes!”  
 Every one of God’s promises  
 is confirmed In the love that died,  
 by the one who was crucified.

*(Refrain)*

“Yes” from God and then, “Yes” from Christ again!  
 In the Spirit we say, “A-men!”  
 “Yes” from God and then, “Yes” from Christ again!  
 In the Spirit we say, “A-men!”

Earth corrupted by sin and shame,  
 scandalized the Creator’s name;  
 now the Spirit of God says ‘Yes!’  
 Christ has honored God’s holiness! *(refrain)*

Jesus now, we are called to be  
 ‘Yes’ our-selves to your victory;  
 God anoints us to serve with you;  
 Yes, the Spirit will keep us true. *(refrain)*

Love has conquered, though Jesus dies;  
 He is risen and glorified;  
 this is promised, and nothing less,  
 all creation will answer, ‘Yes!’ *(refrain)*

\* **Giving to God and Others** *(Offerings may be placed in the plates by each exit.)*

One: God has given us the sun and made us stewards of all creation. God has given us our lives and our very beings.

**All: Let us give to God, from what God has given us...**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Doxology #34**

## 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## Taking the Light of Christ into the World

### \*Charge & Blessing

### \*Sending Song

### “Pass It On”

#557

(vs 1 & 3)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found  
On God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

### \* Fellowship and Greeting

Join us for conversation and yummy treats in Memorial Hall.

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### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

*Glory to God Alone!*

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

Worship Leaders: Alison Hisam

Greeters: Zahller Family

Candle Lighter: Emma Porter

Organist / Pianist: Leslie Woody and LuAnne Hoch

Sound & IT: Bill & Colette McCracken

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