



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
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First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community  
dedicated to showing God's love through worship, study,  
social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

**More Light Church and Member of Covenant Network  
Earth Care Congregation and Matthew 25 Church**

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September 19, 2021 9:00 First Word

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DAVID RICE**

**“GOD WELCOMES ALL”- SOUTH AFRICAN SONG JOHN L. BELL**

**RACHEL KING**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**KELLY FRANKS**

Blessed are those who serve the poor,  
**they will be called the children of God.**  
Blessed are those who share the wealth,  
**they will be called the children of God.**  
Blessed are those who work for good,  
**they will be called the children of God.**  
Blessed are those who open doors,  
**they will be called the children of God.**  
Blessed are those who break down walls,  
**they will be called the children of God.**  
Blessed are those who challenge hate,  
**they will be called the children of God.**  
Blessed are those who live their faith,  
**they will be called the children of God.**  
Blessed are those who speak the truth,  
**they will be called the children of God.**  
Blessed are those who show Christ's love,  
**they will be called the children of God.**

(“Worship in a Matthew 25 Church: Resources  
for Congregations and Presbyteries” Presbyterian  
Church (U.S.A.) , Office of Theology and Worship)

**Prayer of Confession****Kelly Franks**

**Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and, in our neglect, we have failed to serve you.**

**Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

—*FOWWC-A2*, p. 261

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****REFLECTION****JEFF FRANKS****HYMN- "HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER"****SEE ATTACHMENT**

Feel free to sing, hum, follow along or meditate on the words during this time.

**BLESSING****KELLY FRANKS**

Brothers and sisters, go out in joy!

Aim for restoration, comfort one another, find common ground, live in peace and harmony; And the God of love and peace will be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

**Earth Care Pledge:** Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

**The Mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace. We are called to achieve this goal by furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, and by working for the unity of the PC(USA).

**The Mission of More Light Presbyterians:** 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, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.

**The Mission of the Matthew 25 Church:** Matthew 25:31–46 calls us to actively engage the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. We commit ourselves to congregational vitality by acting boldly and compassionately to end systemic poverty and structural racism, serving people who are oppressed, imprisoned, poor.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 19	9:00 am	First Word-Outside
	9:30 am	Sunday School All Ages/Children's Music
	10:45 am	Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday Sexton-Olivia Hiner
Monday, September 20	10:00 am	Zoom Staff Meeting
	12:00 pm	Rotary
	6:00 p.m.	BSA/Cub Scout Pack 66
Tuesday, September 21	8:30 am	Bible Study
	1:15 pm	Traveler's Club
	4:00 pm	Zoom Social Justice
	6:00 pm	A Seat At The Table
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 66
Wednesday, September 22	10:00 am	Life & Dementia Friendly Foundation
	7:00 pm	Zoom Session Meeting
	7:30 pm	CoW Fall Academy of Religion
Saturday, September 25	9:30 am	Al-Anon
	12:00 pm	BSA/Cub Scout Pack 4066
Sunday, September 26	9:00 am	First Word-Outside
	9:30 am	Sunday School All Ages/Children's Music
	10:45 am	Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday Sexton-Emily James
	1:00 pm	Youth Ministry-Hiking-Wooster Memorial Park
	2:00 pm	Girls' Night Out-Blue Barn Winery

# Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.