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for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1**

**WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP**

First Presbyterian Church
Worship September 17, 2023
Welcome! Here at First Presbyterian Church,
Masks are Optional



- **Prelude** *Praise the Lord!* Burkhardt

- **Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations**

- **Handbells Introit** *A simple Song of Joy* by Michael R. Keller
Nina Geist, viola

- **Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the day that God has made,

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in God!

Leader: Into the wonder of this new day we come,

People: bringing with us our hopes, our fears, our very lives!

Leader: God of the morning, God of life,

People: we come into the company of pilgrims of faith. Let us worship God.

- **Hymn # 701** *God is Here!*

- **Time for Reconciliation**

Leader: God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are:

All: You tell us to bless one another; you encourage us to do good.

Leader: But we have not listened to your words: instead of loving, we have practiced hatred;

All: Instead of blessing, we have cursed.

Leader: Instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Instead of acting with courage, we have succumbed to fear.

All: Lord, please forgive us. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to follow your ways.

Leader: We offer our confession and hope to God in a Moment of Silent Confession.

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, all are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

- **Response: Gloria Patri**

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

- **Passing of the peace**

- **Choir Anthem** *Sing! Shout! Alleluia!*
By Joseph R. Martin

- **Kids Time**

- **Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:5b-9**

[God said to Joshua] "... as I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

7 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

- **Sermon - FEAR ITSELF**

- **Hymn # 519** *It is Well with My Soul*

- **Offering**

- **Doxology**

- **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

- **Hymn # 367** *Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*

- **Benediction**

- **Postlude** *Grand March* Mendelssohn

