Youth Sunday – 10:42

**Welcome - Audrey Beckman**

Good morning and welcome to First Presbyterian church!

Whoever you are,

wherever you’re coming from,

however you are showing up to worship today,

regardless of who you love,

what your body looks like,

whatever your history with religion and faith may have been,

the truest thing about you is that you are deeply loved by God.

Please stand as you desire as we read together this responsive call to worship.

\*Call to Worship

 Our God is good and our God is strong.

 **Our God is forgiving and kind!**

 Our God accepts all and our God includes all.

 **Our God leads the way and guides our steps!**

 Our God comforts and our God challenges.

 **Our God gives us strength and restores our souls.**

 We can count on our God, our God is consistent.

 **Let us join as one voice to praise our God!**

Song #1 – Joy of the Lord

**Scripture – Nick Dakes**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:29-31

Our Scripture reading this morning is from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 40. Listen for God’s word to you.

28Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
    the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
    his understanding is unsearchable.
29He gives power to the faint
    and strengthens the powerless.
30Even youths will faint and be weary,
    and the young will fall exhausted,
31but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
    they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
    they shall walk and not faint.

Song #2 – Everlasting God

**Prayer of Confession – Ana Dakes**

Please join me in our unison Prayer of Confession.

 **God of mercy and love,**

 **forgive us when do not see as you see,**

 **forgive us when we neglect or exclude.**

 **Forgive us, God, when we don’t treat people as you would treat them,**

 **or when we fail to care for our planet, our common home.**

 **Forgive us when we get caught up in our own stresses and worries,**

 **when we fail to have compassion and empathy.**

 **Forgive us, God, where we continue to fall short.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

 Friends, with sighs too deep for words, the Spirit of God is interceding for us.

 The Spirit of God also whispers to each one of us:

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,**

**nor things present, nor things to come,**

**nor powers, nor height, nor depth,**

**nor anything else in all creation,**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

 **In Jesus’ name we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

Song #3 – Lead Us Back

Passing of the Peace

**Children’s Message – Natalie & Leah**

Ministry Updates Caroline (Lectern)

Sermons *“Decision Making”* Lindsey Volkman

 *“Decisions”* Molly Dolan

**Affirmation of Faith – Kate Pruden**

Please stand as you desire and join me in affirming what we believe.

\*Affirmation of Faith

 **We live like family is our design,**

 **Grace is the norm,**

 **God’s chasing us,**

 **Others matter more,**

 **Jesus changes lives,**

 **Feeding leads to growth,**

 **And life is what we speak.**

Song #4 – 10,000 Reasons

**Blessing – Kate Pruden**

Go today in the name of the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. May God renew your strength and carry you this week on eagles wings. In the name of the living, loving, and life-giving God. Amen.