

Morning Song

May 7, 2023

8:45am Fogartie Hall



Welcome

Gathering Song

Prayer of Praise

Song of Praise

Prayer of Confession

Saving God, your love is unconditional and unbreakable.

**We belong to you, and so we come before you in prayer,
exactly as we are — our real selves — to repent of our sin.**

**We confess our fearful lack of trust,
our unwillingness to yield, and our selfish disposition.**

**Our days are filled with idols
that compete for our time and attention.**

We thrash around in complaint and impatience.

Yet we know that nothing can change your faithfulness to us.

Our sin does not erase our relationship with you.

**Jesus died on the cross so that sin
would not have the last word between us.**

In your mercy, save us, redeem us, heal us, and transform us.

Send your Spirit to unbind us and set us free. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of God's love: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Response

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Church

Children's Time

Scripture
Acts 9:19-31

Sermon
"Encouraging Calls"
Dr. Buz Wilcox
Lassiter Chaplain & Dean of Spiritual Life,
Presbyterian College

Communion

Song

Benediction

Front Cover: "Apostle Paul" by Ivan Filichev.

*Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Joan S. Gray's
Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice.*

Participating in Today's Service

Dr. Buz Wilcoxon
Guest Minister

Dr. Buz Wilcoxon grew up in Fairhope, AL. He attended Presbyterian College (BA) and Columbia Theological Seminary (MDiv & DMin). He served as the associate pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC and the senior pastor of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church in Mobile, AL. In July 2022 he began serving as the inaugural Marianne & E.G. Lassiter Chaplain & Dean of Spiritual Life at Presbyterian College. Buz serves on the board of trustees for Columbia Theological Seminary and has written a number of hymns that have been published in Presbyterian resources. He and his wife, Ryann, are the proud parents of two children: Lohi (13) and Wilson (10).

Rev. Alan F. Dyer,
Senior Pastor

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise,
Associate Pastor, Youth and Campus Ministries

Morning Song Musicians

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals;
Kolby Carrouth, drums; Cooper Cecil, electric guitar;
Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals; Anna Harkey, violin;
Leigha Keller, vocals; Jeff Key, bass guitar

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