

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45 a.m.)

418, 440, 475

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. Don Hustad and Ted Smith
Beverly Bright, piano and Kay Ten Eyck, organ

Call to Worship

Come, walk in the light!

God will show us the way.

Come, worship our God.

The Spirit has called us here.

Come, listen and learn of God's love.

The love of Christ is ours!

* Hymn 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of amazing grace,

forgive our blind spots that keep us from seeing you;

forgive our blind spots that keep us from seeing others as you see them;

forgive our avoidance of your healing touch and your revealing spirit.

Touch us with your healing hands of love.

Help us to sing of your amazing grace,

knowing that we who once were blind can now see.

Help us to know of your amazing grace,

trusting that we who were lost are now forever found by your love.

In the name of your gracious love, we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 582, v. 1

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son

whose grace has pardoned me, and the Spirit whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14 (NT, p. 194)

A Time with Children

Ms. Schillinger

Anthem

“Great Is The Lord”

arr. Ed Lojeski

Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-41 (NT, p. 102)

Sermon: “Seeing the Light”

Rev. Samford

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 451 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

* Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death -
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way that
not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

“Sonata in G, Allegro con fruoco”

Jean Loeillet

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Voluntary”

John Stanley

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jo Conklin by John Conklin.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. William Samford
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Marie Cochrane
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Usher	John Conklin and Debbie Miller

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Church Family Announcements

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is regularly staffed by Heather Lyons.

Want to read the Bible with others in a supportive, non-threatening small group? We are restarting our very popular [Immerse Bible reading](#) groups. We have one volunteer convener and she's looking for others to join in. Interested? Let us know of your interest in participating by phone or email (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org).

Interested in joining a Presbyterian Women Bible Study in the fall? We are exploring who would like to take part in a women's "circle". If interested, send a note to Barbara Pittman at peachyphace@gmail.com or call her at 570-587-2050.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: through Labor Day, church office hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Check out our Summer Book Swap: A table in the narthex has mystery novels, spy fiction, and a few non-fiction selections. They are for the taking (or borrowing). Have some beach books you'd like to share? Put them on the table! We also have a new **Church Library on Wheels**, where you can borrow good books for your summer reading.

This Week at a Glance

Today

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Wednesday, August 17

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209

Thursday, August 18

- **2 p.m.**, Sr. Game Group, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 21

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

You are invited to a PARKING LOT PICNIC Sunday, August 28 following church

Will you come and have some fun? Here's what you need to know:

- The grill will be fired up for hot dogs and hamburgers
- Side dishes and beverages will be provided by the Fellowship Committee
- Dessert will be dished up from the Manning's Ice Cream Truck
- Rain or shine!!!
- Tables will be set up in the lower parking lot for the picnic. In case of rain, we will eat inside.
- Join us for fun, fellowship, and fine food!

**"All we're gonna' do is have some fun."
Before the days get short, and everyone is on the run!**

Jazz Communion - 10 am on September 4



It's hard to believe it has been thirty years since we began a tradition of introducing jazz into our worship service on Labor Day weekend. Save the date - and join us for the Joyful Feast of the Lord.

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Call for Volunteers: Hickory Street Community Lunch

On Saturday, September 24th we will again prepare and serve a free lunch for the community at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church, accompanied by distribution of bags of groceries. This monthly program continues to fill a real need in that community, with requests for 120+ meals and 25-30 bags of food. Volunteers will be needed for the following tasks, many which can be pursued with children as a family activity.

Prepare the Main Dish

We will be making the Chicken/Broccoli Casserole recipe we used last August. We will supply the spice packet and the aluminum baking pan. Bake in advance and bring to the church the day before.

Make a Dessert

Prepare a dessert (to serve 10-12 people) of your own choosing that is easy to serve or package for to-go meals. Cookies, brownies, sheet cakes are all good ideas. Make in advance and bring to the church the day before.

Serve the Meal

Greet guests and seat them or take their take-out order, package desserts, heat and serve/package the hot meals, fill grocery bags, clean-up. Start at 9:00 am and finish at 1:00 pm at Hickory Street Presbyterian.

Purchase Groceries for Food Bags

Purchase and bring to the Narthex items on the "shopping list;" copies in the Narthex. Grab a list early and you can watch for sales!

Provide Financial Support

If you can't join in the work, consider making a donation we can use to purchase needed groceries and other items for the meal. Put "Hickory Street" on the memo line of your check.

Sign-Up Sheets for these tasks, the casserole recipe, grocery bag shopping lists, and a grocery collection box are available in the Narthex. This is very satisfying work; please consider getting involved.