

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; 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.)

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Pastorale”

Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship

Give thanks and sing praise to God!

***We offer our thanks and praise,  
for God has blessed us and called us to be God's own.***

Declare God's steadfast love in the morning, and God's faithfulness by night.

***Through words and acts of worship and love,  
we commit our days to faithful living according to God's way.***

With joy, let us come before God in song and prayer.

\* Hymn 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Holy Lord, you call us to follow you,  
to bear witness in speech and deed to the good news of the gospel.  
But we often resist your call,  
persistently pursuing our own desires, fearful of your claims upon us.  
Forgive us for seeking to justify our refusal to heed your call.  
Stir us up by your Spirit to embrace the mission of Jesus Christ –  
healing the broken, feeding the hungry,  
and proclaiming the good news that God is indeed within us.***

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 to 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: Genesis 12:1-9 (OT, p. 10)

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25 (NT, p. 155)

A Time with Children

Ms. Schillinger

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:9-13 (NT, p. 9)

Sermon: "God is Calling You – yes, YOU!"

Rev. Samford

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

\* 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

"Trumpet Tune"

Gordon Young

\* Doxology 606

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“Flourish”

Douglas E. Wagner

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** are given by Bonnie Plantholt to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Erwin and Dorothy Eckstein.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Tuesday

- **7 p.m.**, Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, August 24

- **9:00 a.m.**, Presbyter Mailing, Room 206
- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209

Sunday, August 28

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **Following Worship, Parking Lot Picnic!**

**You are invited to the PARKING LOT PICNIC**

**Next 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!

**So come and have some fun!  
Schedules will be crazy before we know it!**

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.