

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

10:00 a.m.

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. 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.)

Hymns 399, 492, 493, 485

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

from Galatians 3

As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

***There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female,
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.***

If you belong to Christ, you are children of Abraham. The promises of God are yours.

Thanks be to God!

* Hymn 396

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

we are a people divided against ourselves

as we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason,

and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

* 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: Jeremiah 2:4-13 (OT, p. 699)

Psalter: Psalm 81 (Hymnal 56)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NT, p.77)

Sermon: "Enlarging the Guest List"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 401

"Here in This Place"

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

Presentation of Christopher Del Prete

* Apostle's Creed (version on p. 17)

* Baptism and Welcome

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.

Minute for Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offering

Offertory

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

arr. Robert Hobby

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 490

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. Douglas Wagner

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given by Jack and Barbara Pittman to the Glory of God in thankfulness for this church and its mission outreach.

Don't go home today until you get a hamburger or hotdog!

Please come to the **PARKING LOT PICNIC** this morning after worship.

- 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!

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Barbara Norton
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Usher	John Conklin and Debbie Miller

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We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.**



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 hall 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! Our new **Church Library on Wheels has rolled down the hall to Room 206.**

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.

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:** *Chicken/Broccoli Casserole. Recipe, spice packet and the aluminum baking pan are provided. Bake in advance. 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.** Pick up a shopping list in the Narthex, purchase food, and return purchases to Narthex.
- **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.

This Week at a Glance

Today

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **After worship, Church Parking Lot Picnic**

Wednesday, August 31

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 1

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Building and Grounds, Room 209
- **7 p.m.**, Christian Education Committee, Room 206

Sunday, September 4

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

Looking Ahead:

Bible Study with Rev. Carter and Friends begins **Wednesday, September 7, 6 p.m.**, Room 206. This fall, we will be exploring the parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke.

“Welcome Back” Dinner and Program on Friday **September 9** from 5-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

You are invited to “Breakfast for Dinner.”

All who are interested in the educational programming of this church, both **families with children** and **congregants of all ages** are encouraged to attend.

- Is learning about God important to you?
- Is growing in faith a priority in your life?
- Is fellowship with members of your church family an experience that you’ve been missing while we’ve been apart?



If the answer to those questions is **“yes,”** please come.

Let’s discover, . . . or *rediscover*, simple ways we can grow our faith, and the joys of Christian fellowship.

September 10: Highway Clean-up at 9 a.m. Meet at Clarks Summit U.M. parking lot.

September 11: Third Grade and Kindergarten children receive Bibles during worship. Confirmation classes resume at 11:15 a.m.



During September, a **Season of Peace** (as designated by the national Presbyterian Church) will be observed for four weeks from Sunday September 4th until World Communion Sunday on

October 2nd. This month-long pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. Participants are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers through daily reflections that address some of the major issues of our time (climate change, nonviolence, the intersection of poverty and racism, and immigration/migration). To receive these daily reflections in your email during Season of Peace, subscribe at pcusa.org/subscribeSOP.

Worship through Service weekend is set for September 24-25. In addition to The Hickory Street Community Lunch (see page 5), there are several other projects in which you can participate. Check out the September Presbyter and posters in the Narthex for additional information and how to sign up.