

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Seventeenth Day after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Faithful Lord, present in sorrow, present in hope: though we are brought low, we look up to you, so we may not forget your steadfast love never ceases and your Spirit forever flows. Amen

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

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Bread of Life from Heaven" arr. Edwin Childs

Call to Worship

Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

***The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.***

The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

***The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.***

How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loss.

***The needs of the world are so great, but you, O Lord, are greater still—  
the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!***

\* Hymn 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God, we confess that our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty.***

***We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others.***

***Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first.***

***Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples.***

***Take away from us a spirit of cowardice,***

***and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used,***

***of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived.***

***In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith,***

***that we may be faithful servants at your table. In Christ's name we pray.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response 447

"We Are Forgiven"

***We are forgiven! We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

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## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Lamentations 3:19-26 (OT, p. 766)

Psalter: Psalm 137 (Hymn 72)      “By the Babylonian Rivers”  
A Time with Children      Ms. Schillinger

Anthem      “A Prayer for Healing”      Joseph M. Martin

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:1-10 (NT, p. 80)  
Sermon: “Increase Our Faith”      Rev. Thyren

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 722      “Lord, Speak To Me That I May Speak”

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;***

***who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;***

***the third day he rose again from the dead;***

***he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;***

***from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;***

***the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;***

***the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Minute for Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offering

Offertory

“Come, Let Us Eat”

arr. Wayne Kerr

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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.***

### **GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\* Hymn 526      “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

arr. Wayne Kerr

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

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

Guest Preacher	Rev. James Thyren
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Frank Garnecki
Ushers	John Conklin, Bill Farrell

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### **Church Family Announcements**

*Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.*

**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.

**Large-print bulletins** are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Ask an usher for help.

**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.

**Tell us your prayer concerns:** Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn. Please pray for: Janet, Barbara, Hall, Barry, Karen, Mike, Jan, Stephen, Taylor, Caleb, Jim, Sandy, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate.

**This morning following worship**, please join us downstairs as we learn more about the Lord's Supper and break bread together. Families with children as well as congregants of all ages are invited to come for a light lunch. Adults will then enjoy a discussion with Charlie Pinches while our children will gather to explore the meaning and significance of communion. It will be a great opportunity to share fellowship and faith with our friends and family, so be sure to mark your calendars!

**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)).

**Are you interested in joining this church?** If yes, please let the church office know (570-586-6306 or [office@fpccs.org](mailto:office@fpccs.org)).

The Season of Peace (as designated by the national Presbyterian Church) has been observed Sunday September 4th until today, World Communion Sunday. As we celebrate this Season of Peace and collect our special offering for Peace and Global Wit-ness, look for a basket at the rear of the church filled with heart-shaped cards. Inspired by our friends in Haiti, who inscribed FPCCS inside their



Choukoun Heart, we've put names of some of our long-time friends in Haiti inside some of the hearts and written "Peace be with you" on the outside. We've also created other hearts with names of local refugee families and ESL students we've been helping on the inside and "Welcome, Friends" on the outside. Please take some of these and add inside your own message of welcome, encouragement, a prayer, or scripture verse, then put them in the offering plate. We'll deliver them to our new neighbors and send photos of them to our friends in Haiti. Children (and children at heart) are also encouraged to take some and decorate them. Share your peace!

## **Help Wanted!**

### **Are you the one we are looking for?**

We are seeking volunteers to replenish our committees and assist with brief but important tasks around the church.

- Interested in volunteering in the office on a regular weekday morning? [Notify Nancy Owens.](#)
- Can you help us line up volunteer worship leaders (aka liturgists) for Sunday worship services? [Notify one of the committee chairs.](#)
- Can you serve on the Christian Education and Growth committee? [Let Jana know.](#)
- Could you serve on the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, or on the Arts planning team? [Tell Jan Thyren or Robin Pinches of your interest.](#)

Thanks for considering this invitation. A church like ours depends on volunteers!

## This Week at a Glance

Today

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Fall Christian Education Program
- **2 p.m.**, A.E.M. Crop Walk, begins at the Dalton Fire Company

Tuesday, October 4

- **7 p.m.**, Mission and Justice, Room 206

Wednesday, October 5

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Bell Choir first rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 6

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- **5 p.m.**, Worship, Music, Arts, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Christian Education, Room 206

Sunday, October 9

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation, Room 206

**We are co-sponsoring a CROP Walk with the Abington Ecumenical Ministerium** to raise funds - and awareness - to address hunger in our area. It will begin at the Dalton Fire Company at 2:00 p.m. **today** and take place along the Countryside Conservancy's Trolley Trail. For information or to signup, go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/clarkssummitpa/](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/clarkssummitpa/)

### Looking ahead:

**Thursday, October 13                      7:00 PM**  
at First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit

Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic will present their first chamber concert of this **Season of Discovery** at our church. Expect an exploration of the rich and unique timbre of the oboe along with the velvety sound of its cousin, the English horn. NEPP oboist Karen Blundell is joined by violist David Creswell and pianist Matthew Graybill in a program of works genuinely blending these instruments, including 2 *Rhapsodies*, by impressionist composer Charles Martin Loeffler. Light refreshments will follow the concert.

Tickets are \$35 and available from [www.nepaphil.org](http://www.nepaphil.org)

- **Sunday, October 16                      4:00 PM**  
*The Arts at First Presbyterian* presents A Choral Concert: **Nature Abounds!**

The Arcadia Chorale will open its fall season with us, in a stunning program called **Nature Abounds!** The musical themes of the concert include air, water, land and stars. Come and celebrate the beauty of NEPA through song with this special concert. A free-will offering will be taken.