



First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Duo Louis”

Nicolas Clerambault

Call to Worship

Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

* Hymn 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

***We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.***

We have not loved our neighbors,

and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- * Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace
- * Response: Gloria Patri 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 (NT, p. 28)

A Time with Children

Anthem

Second Lesson: Psalm 78 (OT, p. 537)

Sermon: "Can't Hide These Things"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 42 "Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"

- * Affirmation of Faith: Psalm 93

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

more majestic than the waves* of the sea,

majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure;

holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

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.

A Minute for Organ Donor Sabbath

Offering

Offertory "Basse et Dessus de Trompette" Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

* Doxology 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn "God, Each Day You Give is Precious" (see insert)

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Rigaudon" A. Campra arr. G. Ferrari

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 the Bailey family in honor and loving memory of their father, Steuart J. Bailey.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Diane Scheuer
Ushers	Betsy Ellis and Erika Adams

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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 in two ways!

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

We welcome Keith Chalmers this morning, who will tell us a little of his story as a double lung recipient. You can meet Keith in Fellowship Hall following the service, where we will have a table of materials about organ donation. Did you know that 90% of Americans support organ donation, yet only 60% are signed up as donors?

Bible Time is our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way. Each Sunday following the anthem, children are invited to go (with adult leadership) for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

Large-print bulletins can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.

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 staffed by Heather Lyons.

Make some music with us. Every Wednesday, **the Adult Choir** rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, and **the Bell Choir** rehearses at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. New singers and ringers are welcome for these ensembles.

All youth are invited to be part of the Joyful Noise group on Sunday November 19. The group will assist with the first hymn during worship and be a part of the All Church concert at 4pm on the same day. There will be a brief practice prior to worship on the 19th. Questions? Contact Connie Weiss 570-466-4520 or Kay Ten Eyck.

The red attendance pads have returned to the pews! Please sign your name and pass it to the next person in the pew.

Adult Education continues Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in room 206. Michael Thompson will lead us in "Praying the Psalms." All are welcome!

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Bob, Bonnie, Betty, Leslie, Sara, Susan, Flo, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Sharon, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Lisa, Aiden, Margaret, Colleen M., LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis, Robert, Jim, Dean, Robert Bill, Dennis, the family of Janet Taylor, Thank you, Lord.

Do you have a college student or military person far from home? The Deacons would like to send them a goodie box to break the winter mono-tony. If you will forward the person's name and complete mailing address to Grace Farrell (570-878-7396 / glee1124@yahoo.com) or the church office (office@fpccs.org / 570-586-6306), we'll be happy to make that happen.

We are collecting coats to support the local mission project of the Troy Presbyterian Church. They are beginning an outreach to those in need within their small town in a rural area. **Do you have lightly used or new coats to donate?** Please bring coats of all sizes to the church by Monday, November 20. We will deliver them on the 21st.

Poinsettias will beautify our sanctuary during the season of Advent.

Price is \$9.50 per plant; the deadline is **November 20**. Poinsettia order forms are available in the narthex (lobby). Order Your Poinsettias Now. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

Countryside Community Church Holiday Chocolate Candy Sale: Delicious homemade chocolate candy is available in either milk or dark chocolate . . .

peanut, raisin, or mixed varieties, packaged in 1-pound boxes for \$12.00.

New this year - Almond sprinkled with sea salt \$13.00

Advance Orders are due by Sunday, November 26 and **available for pick up starting December**

3. Pay when your order is picked up at 14011 Orchard Drive, Clarks Summit. **Orders:** contact

Susan @ 570-351-4178, or tufsjp80@gmail.com

The Arts at First Presbyterian Church

All-Church Recital

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Musicians in our church family and guests offer an afternoon of music for choirs, bells, vocalists, and instrumental soloists. It is our annual celebration of talent, given as a gift to the community and offered to lift the spirits of our audience.

The concert will feature the FPC Adult Choir under the direction of church music director Frank Jones, the FPC Bell Choir directed by Richard Cochrane, a chamber trio featuring Catherine Huhn, flute; Connie Weiss, oboe; and John Weiss, cello; the Joyful Noise Children's ensemble; pianist Nathan Worrell and others.

Your hearts will soar—and your feet will tap. The concert will be held in the sanctuary. It is open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to support the Arts Series.

Advent is coming: The Music, Worship and Arts committee invites our church family to join in the fun of getting the sanctuary ready for Christmas! On Saturday, December 2, please come at 10:00 a.m. to put up wreaths, decorate Christmas trees, windowsills, etc. We will have coffee, tea, and hot cocoa downstairs to get us all in the mood! Please come! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we have an idea how many will be here, but all are welcome!

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 12

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the Sanctuary and online
 - **Bible Time**

Monday, November 13

- **6 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, downstairs classroom

Tuesday, November 14

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters
- **7 p.m.**, Session, Room 206

Wednesday, November 15

- **10:30**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education begins, room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 16

- **8:30**, Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- **2 p.m.**, Sr. Game Group, Fellowship Hall
- **5:45 p.m.**, Girl Scouts, downstairs classroom

Friday, November 17

Presbyter Deadline, please send submissions to office@fpccs.org

Sunday, November 19

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
 - **Bible Time** for young children following anthem
- **11:15**, "We Worship Together" (a 30-minute program for children)
- **4 p.m.**, All Church Recital, Sanctuary

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God, Each Day You Give is Precious

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

God, each day you give is precious; it's a joyful thing to live!
We are stewards of the wonders of these bodies that you give.
In our heartbeats, in our breathing, in our walking, in our sight,
We are blessed to be a blessing, and your grace is our delight.

Yet when tragedy is sudden, when we're faced with pain and death,
When a body is too broken to receive another breath,
When it seems that none can cheer us, when a loved one is too ill,
In these times when death is near us, life becomes more precious still.

We are grateful for the vision of the ones who have prepared:
Who have made the firm decision that, in death, life must be shared,
For when earthly bodies fail them, as they're welcomed into heaven,
Others here will know a blessing from the life these saints have given.

God, we thank you for the families who, in saying their good-byes,
Seek to end their neighbors' suffering, giving hope and changing lives —
And for resurrection glory, we give thanks and praises, too.
Death can never end our story, for you'll make us whole and new.

We are made to make a difference, we are made to laugh and dance,
So we thank you for each person who receives a second chance.
For they know that life is precious; they can see another dawn.
They are blessed to be a blessing as the joy of life goes on.

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