First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 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

"Largo"

Jean Marie Leclair arr. S. Drummond Wolff Psalm 117

Call to Worship

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 401 "Here in This Place" 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.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response: Gloria Patri 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination First Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30 (NT, p. 28) Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-13 (NT, p. 238) A Time with Children

Anthem "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" arr. Michael E. Akers

Psalter: Psalm 90 (OT, p. 547) Sermon: "Counting Our Days"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

* Affirmation of Faith: Psalm 96:10-13
Say among the nations, 'The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.'
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

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

"Siciliana" George Frideric Handel, arr. S. Drummond Wolff

* 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!

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 384
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude

"March Royale" Jean Baptiste Lully, arr. S. Drummond Wolff

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

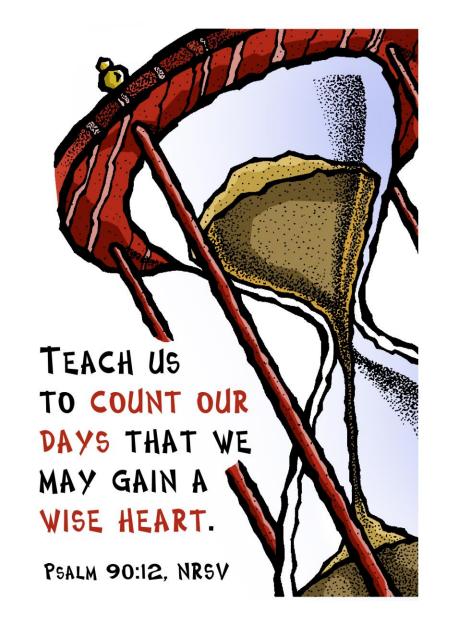
"Soon and Very Soon"

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given by Jack and Diane Scheuer to the glory of God and in loving memory of Diane's brother, Barry Carnahan.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. Wil	liam Carter
Coordinator of Children and	Youth Jana	Schillinger
Director of Music	F	`rank Jones
Director of Bell Choir	Richard	l Cochrane
Organist	Ka	y Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Dia	ne Randall
Ushers	Betsy Ellis and E	rika Adams



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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 19

• 10 a.m., Worship in the Sanctuary and online

• Bible Time

- 11:15, "We Worship Together" (30 minutes for children)
- 4 p.m., All Church Recital, Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 21

- **10 a.m.,** Women's Bible Study, lesson 3, Fellowship Hall Wednesday, November 22
 - **6 p.m.,** Adult Education, room 206
 - 7 p.m., Adult Choir, Sanctuary
 - 8 p.m., Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall
- Thursday, November 23 **Thanksgiving**

Church Office is closed.

Friday, November 24

Chuch Office is closed.

Sunday, November 26

- **10 a.m.,** Worship in the sanctuary and online
 - **Bible Time** for young children following anthem



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.

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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 <u>our video</u> <u>page on YouTube</u> and archived for later viewing on the same site.
 - > **Large-print bulletins** can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.
 - > **Please** use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

Since this is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, it is our custom to give the **loose plate offering to the Norton Fund,** an extraordinary fund that has offered a hand up to those in need. If you are able, consider bringing a little extra on Sunday to assist this very worthy cause.

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.

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.

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. **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, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Sharon, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Margaret, Colleen M., LeAnne, Wayne, Jim, Dean, Robert, Bill, the family of Janet Taylor, Thank you, Lord.

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.

Last Call for Poinsettia orders! Poinsettias will beautify our sanctuary during 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.

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 monotony. 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.

Advent is coming: The Music, Worship and Arts committee invites our church family to join in the fun of preparing the sanctuary for Christmas! **On Saturday, December 2, please come at 10:00 a.m.** to hang wreaths, decorate trees and 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. All are welcome!

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.

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 <u>tufsjp80@gmail.com</u>