



First Presbyterian Church

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

November 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 399
Words of Welcome

Prelude "Give Thanks to Those Whose Faith is Firm" arr. R. Powell

Call to Worship Deuteronomy 6:4

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.

***You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your might.***

* Hymn 63

"The Lord Is God"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,

you call us to work for a world

where all will be fed and have dignity,

but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.

You call us to seek justice and peace,

but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.

You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,

but we do not insist on freedom for all.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,

so that all may know your justice and peace;

through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response: (Psalm 100, to Hymn 385)

Michael Morgan

Let every voice on earth resound

and joyful hearts hold God adored.

In gladness may God's courts abound.

With songs of praise unto the Lord.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28-34 (NT, p. 49)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Mystery of Years"

Psalter: Psalm 146 (OT, p. 581)

Sermon: "On Trusting a Prince"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 365

"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"

* Affirmation of Faith Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.22

**Scripture tells us that,
in the as yet unredeemed world in which the Church also exists,
the State has by divine appointment
the task of providing for justice and peace.
It fulfills this task by means of the threat and exercise of force,
according to the measure of human judgment and ability.
The church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment
in gratitude and reverence before him.
It calls to mind the Kingdom of God,
God’s commandment and righteousness,
and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled.
It trusts and obeys the power of the Word
by which God upholds all things.**

Offering

Offertory “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Robert Hobby

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

 Invitation to the Lord’s Table

 Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

 Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 541 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “For All the Saints” arr. Robert Hobby

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

* All who are able shall stand.

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	Frank Garnecki
Ushers	Sue Flynn and John Conklin

The communion elements now include a gluten-free bread option.

The crackers placed in the middle of each bread plate are gluten-free. Also, individually sealed, gluten-free “communion packs” can be found in a basket with the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a sensitivity to gluten, please, take advantage of the gluten-free items.

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.

- Join us at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.
- Large-print bulletins are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

This morning for our children:

- The Nursery is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it is furnished with a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.
- Bible Time, for children age 4 to approx. grade 4, will hear about *how God provides* *celebrating our gifts* *Deborah* *Elijah.*

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, Janet, Travis, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Nate, Kay, Kelly, Judy, Renee and family, Clyde, Emily, Denise, Sawyer, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., Brenden, Brian, Rebecca, Anne, Brenda, Jerry, Dawn, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Jeanette, Rob, Dennis V., Ray, Theresa, Lucy, Marlene, Yaya and Fedeline, Wayne, Evans/McCullen family, Craig, Ann.

Thanks to all who have turned in a pledge card to support our church's ministry and mission. We are encouraged by your generosity. If you haven't returned yours to the church office, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings!

Adult Education 5:45 p.m., in room 206. Throughout the fall, we will explore what scripture tells us about discipleship. We would love to have you join us. Feel free to bring a sandwich or salad to enjoy while we meet.

All are invited!



*God's Gifts Equip
Us for Ministry*

The Adult Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please come a few minutes early to get music and take a seat. All are welcome. Invite your friends.



Our Bell Choir rehearses at 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in ringing, speak with Dick Cochrane. *There just might be a bell for you!*

We Worship Together series: A 30-minute program will be held after worship today and next Sunday for children through grade 6. We will talk about questions you may have about church practices and traditions, such as Baptism, Lent, and the Apostles' Creed. Parents are to sign up, and each family will receive a book to take home related to the topic discussed. Our first program this year will be a 2-Sunday discussion of **worship**: what it is, why we do it, and more. Join us **today** and **Sunday, November 10**.



Our Mobile Food Pantry serves several families in the area. If you know of someone needing assistance with food insecurity in their home, invite them to contact fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com or church office at 570-586-6306 to pre-register (which is required). Next distribution is November 14, 4-6 p.m.



From Rev. Carter: I'm excited to announce we will welcome a special guest on Sunday, November 10. It will be our honor to host the Rev. CeCe Armstrong, co-moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). CeCe (short for Cecilia) serves as the associate pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

I count her as one of my dearest friends – which is exactly why I want to introduce her to you. CeCe loves to say, “I’ve never met a stranger.” I’m sure you will say the same after you meet her. She is a lively speaker and a most gracious servant of Christ.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet one of the next generation of national church leaders. Come and hear her on Sunday, November 10 at our 10:00 a.m. service. Check your November Presbyter for more information about Rev. CeCe Armstrong.

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.



Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 3

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Children's Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., We Worship Together Series (Part 1)

Tuesday, November 5

- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Election Day – Let your voice be heard by voting at your polling place.
- 7:00 p.m., Mission and Justice, Room 206

Wednesday, November 6

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 5:45 p.m., Adult Education, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Adult Choir, sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206
- 8 p.m., Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 7

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- 5:30 p.m., Worship, Music, and Arts, Room 206
- 5:45 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 108
- 7 p.m., AlAnon, Room 111
- 7 p.m., Building and Grounds, Room 209
- 7 p.m., Christian Education, Room 206

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Children's Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., We Worship Together Series (part 2)

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