



First Presbyterian Church

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

November 10, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 468
Words of Welcome
Prelude

"In My Life"
"Trumpet Tune"

Robert Lau

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of God's name. Give God glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds.

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name."

* Hymn 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

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 (sung to Hymn 385)

Michael Morgan

Thou art the Lord, by Thy design

All we in nature claim our place;

Thy flock, we bind our lives to Thee

And rest secure beneath Thy grace.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Colossians 1:9-14 (NT, p. 199)

Psalter: Psalm 65 (Hymnal 38)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Second Lesson: Matthew 9:18-26 (NT, p. 9)

Sermon: "Who Needs Jesus?"

Rev. Cecelia Armstrong

Co-moderator, 226th General Assembly PC(USA)

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 840

"When Peace Like a River"

* Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith, part 2

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

***preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.***

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

***Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.***

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

***vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Aria-Trio"

Wayne Wold

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 774 "There Is Now a New Creation"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Trumpet Tune"

Anthony Giamanco

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

Guest Preacher

Rev. Cecilia (CeCe) Armstrong

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Chris and Crosby Sekol

Ushers

Sue Flynn and John Conklin

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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.

- 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
*listening for God *God calls Jeremiah *Justice *God hears Daniel's prayers.

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, Craig, Ann, Tim, the Hooper family.

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.

The class is exploring The Creation Psalms. This week we're looking at Psalm 65, "The Farmer's Psalm: God's Care and Maintenance of Creation." We would love to have you join us. Feel free to bring a sandwich or salad 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. Let's have some fun!

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!

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.

Our deacons are sponsoring a Grief Support group for the community. It will meet at the Gathering Place, 304 S. State Street, Clarks Summit on the third Thursday of each month, the next one being November 21 at 6 p.m. It is open to all.



We welcome 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.

Rev. Bill counts her as a dear friend, as they serve together on a CREDO team that provides wellness conferences for Presbyterian clergy. CeCe loves to say, "I've never met a stranger," and you will say the same after you meet her. She is a lively speaker and a most gracious servant of Christ. Please greet her after worship.

On Sunday, November 24 at 4 p.m. musicians in our church family offer an afternoon of music for choirs, bells, vocalists, and instrumental soloists. It's always a stirring celebration of talent, given as a gift to the community.

The
Arts
at First Presbyterian Church

The concert will feature the FPC Adult Choir under the direction of church music director Frank Jones, the FPC Bell Choir directed by Dick Cochrane, a chamber trio featuring Catherine Huhn, flute; Connie Weiss, oboe; and John Weiss, cello; and other performers.

The concert is open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to help defray the costs of the event. For more information, please call the church at 570-586-6306.

At this concert we would also like to take donations for the Neighborhood Food Pantry located at the Gathering Place in Clarks Summit. They are particularly in need of cereal, crackers, jelly or tuna. Also, donations of rice and soup would also be greatly appreciated. Please join us in our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

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.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 10

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Children's Bible Time

Tuesday, November 12

- 10 a.m., MBK Quilting, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m., Session, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, November 13

- 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 14

- 4-6 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m., AlAnon, Room 111

Friday, November 15

Presbyter Deadline: send to amandaer@yahoo.com

Saturday, November 16

Sunday, November 17

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Children's Bible Time
- 11:15 a.m., Pre-Confirmation meeting

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