



**First Presbyterian Church**

Service for the Lord's Day  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
A Festival of Psalms

November 17, 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      "God, Each Day You Give is Precious" (see insert)  
Words of Welcome and Candlelighting Ceremony

Prelude "Flourish (Psalm 150)" Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-2

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
**sing to the LORD, all the earth.**  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
**tell of his salvation from day to day.**

\* Hymn 54 "Make a Joyful Noise to God! (Psalm 66)  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession: Hymn 421 (Psalm 51)  
Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Hymn 446, v. 1 (Psalm 32)  
**How blest, those whose transgressions have freely been forgiven  
Whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.  
Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin:  
Whose guilt has been forgiven; whose hearts made true again.**

\* Passing of the Peace Psalm 85:8-9  
Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
**Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who revere him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

\* Response: Psalm 100 (sung to Hymn 385) Michael Morgan  
**Before the Lord bring thanks and praise,  
Unfathomed mercies wait in store;  
God's goodness blesses all our days,  
God's truth endures for ever more.**

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination: Hymn 458 (Psalm 119:105)  
First Lesson: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (OT, p. 245)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Sustain Me, O God"

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-8 (NT, p. 50)  
Sermon: "What to Do After the Temple Falls Down" Rev. Carter

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

\* Hymn 810 "When in the Night I Meditate" (Psalm 16)

\* 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

A Minute for Organ Donor Sunday

Offering

Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (Psalm 23)

arr. Edward Broughton

\* Response (to Hymn 54)

from Psalm 45

**Come with joy and highest praise into God's most sacred hall;  
Let your song of praise proclaim: God alone is Lord of all.  
Generations yet to be shall declare their love for Thee.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 657 "Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness" (Psalm 147)

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

"Psalm 19"

Benedetto Marcello

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

***The flowers this morning*** have been given in loving memory of Anna Marsh by her family.

**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

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** is 5:45 p.m. in room 206. The class is exploring The Creation Psalms. This week we're looking at Psalm 104, "The Third Creation Story." We would love to have you join us. Feel free to bring a sandwich or salad to enjoy while we meet. **All are invited!**



**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.

**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!*



*God's Gifts Equip  
Us for Ministry*

**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](mailto:fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com) or church office at 570-586-6306 to pre-register (which is required). Next distribution is December 12, 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.

**Look for our Holiday Pajama tree next Sunday.** Select a tag from the tree in the Narthex. Purchase a pair of PJs for that child, returning it by **December 10** either wrapped or in a gift bag **along with the tag from the tree.** Please do not include anything extra. The gifts need to be the same as children will be opening them together at the Head Start Center.

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The  
*Arts*  
at First Presbyterian Church

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 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.

**Donations of food** will be accepted 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.

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**National Donor Sabbath** is observed two weekends before Thanksgiving Day from Friday through Sunday. This year that is **November 15 - 17.** It is designed to unite people of different religions in a spirit of partnership to encourage organ donation registration in their houses of worship. All people should care about their fellow human beings and register to be an organ donor. This year we welcome Patti Miletta, who will tell us about her heart transplant 18 years ago on October 24. **You can talk to Patti at a table in Fellowship Hall following the service.**

Regardless of a person's faith, they can sign up to be an organ donor. It's not only a way to save other people's lives, but also a way to leave an impact on this world even after death. Many religions consider donation a final act of love and generosity.

**Following the service,** there will be a table of Gift of Life materials in Fellowship Hall.

**It's time to order your Christmas Poinsettias!** Order forms can be found on the table in the Narthex. Cost is \$9.50. A check can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please include your name (*as it should appear on the bulletin insert*), phone number (in case of questions), the flower dedication, and whether you plan to take the plant home. **Deadline** is next Sunday, November 24.



### **This Week at a Glance**

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

Tuesday, November 19

- 10 a.m., Women's Bible Study, Room 111
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, November 20

- 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 21

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- 2 p.m., Sr. Game Group, Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 108
- 6 p.m., Grief Support Group at The Gathering Place
- 7 p.m., AlAnon, Room 111

Friday, November 22

Sunday, November 24

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Children's Bible Time
- 4 p.m., The Arts at FPCCS: "All Church Recital"

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.



## **Gathering Hymn**

### **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.

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.

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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