

First Presbyterian Church



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness. As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship.

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September 18, 2022 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

You are invited to stand if able

Items in **bold** are congregational response

Personal Prayer of Preparation:

God of inspiration, break into the wilderness of our lives — the uncertainty, the confusion, and the distractions from your Word with a moment of clarity, grace and understanding that encourages us, and molds us through your Word and by your Spirit in Christ's image. Amen.

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME –

PRELUDE

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

WELCOME

Pastor

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Jesus reminds us today that,
"You cannot serve God and wealth."

**People: Open us to your truth, Lord.
Open our hearts to honesty.**

Leader: Let us enter worship humbly, ready to
realign our faith according to God's Word.

**People: We seek to be your people, fully committed
to you and to your purposes.**

Hymn

"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Red 215

***CALL TO CONFESSION**(Nehemiah 9:17)

Pastor

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to forgive our debtors. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Grant us a season of jubilee. Reorder our communities so that all may contribute, and all may thrive. Amen.

* SILENT CONFESSION

*KYRIE: *Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord have mercy upon us*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

God lightens the load of those overly burdened, supports and strengthens those who have been knocked down.

We receive the forgiveness God so graciously offers and celebrate the new life Christ has given us. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

* SHARING THE PEACE: (Social Distancing)

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Led by Liturgist

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid and distract ourselves from your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer. Amen

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 113:2-9

Led by Liturgist

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Leader: The Lord is high above all nations
and his glory above the heavens.

People: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Leader: He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**People: to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.**

Leader: He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

People: Praise the Lord!

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Liturgist
This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Luke 16:10-13 Liturgist
This is the Word of Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Follow His Lead" Pastor

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Red 466

Congregational Discussion

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, now and forever. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Led by Liturgist

**Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee, three things we pray,
to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
follow Thee more nearly, day by day.**

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Liturgist

God, in Jesus Christ, has given us much to be faithful for. Our tithes, gifts, and offerings may seem little in comparison to God's gifts to us, but we are called to be faithful over all that we have: our time, our talents, our gifts, and our service. May God bless us in our giving, that God's kingdom may be here with us on earth.

The offering plates are located at the front of the Chancel, or you can drop your offerings and tithes in the mail slot of the Parish House door. Thank you for your support of the mission of First Presbyterian Church.

OFFERTORY: "I Will Serve Thee"

*** DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Led by Liturgist

What you require is not heavy, Lord, but it does ask of us our lives, given in thoughts, words and deeds, our riches and talents, given in offerings and service, that the world you love so much may know your lovingkindness. May our lives and our gifts bring you glory and further your kingdom. Amen.

***HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vv 1-3,5) Blue 438**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Pastor

Leader: God has delivered and blessed us here
God will assist us every day as we are open to God's help.

People: **We look to God for guidance and direction**
We seek God's truth for every situation.

Leader: We are invited to pray for others each day.
As we pray for them, we draw closer to God.

People: **We will be sensitive to others' pain and joys.**
We will respond in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Seek to be faithful in all things, great and small.
Acknowledge God's ownership of all you possess.

People: **We seek to be honest and generous stewards of God's gifts.**
We are grateful servants of our loving God.

***BENEDICTION**

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her father, Albert Lewis, Sr.'s birthday, by Lori Lamberski.

The flowers on the piano are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ken Strenske's 82nd birthday given by his loving family.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

Greeter today was Maxine Brownlee.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept. 19- Tatum Rodriguez	Sept. 26- Jacob Hanover
Sept. 20 - Raelyn Weightman	Lance Zeli
Sept. 23- Brett Berish	Sept. 29- Kody Callaway
Sept. 22- Dennis & Barb Peters	
Tom & Elaine Bair	
Sept. 24- Nathan & Jennifer Bukovitz	
Sept. 30- Mike & Nancy Komlos	

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Congregational Discussion;
Session meeting following

TUESDAY: Food & Fellowship from 11 am - 1 pm; Bible Study at 2 pm

WEDNESDAY: Homeless Bag Project 9 am to 1 pm

THURSDAY: Pastor Mary Kay out of the office for continuing education and vacation

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Guest speaker: Lynn Mance;
2 cents a meal offering

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your faithful support of the church and its ministries. The offering plates are located on the windowsills at the front.

ONLINE GIVING: Want to support FPC? Scan this QR code with your mobile device to access the system.

To make a onetime gift or to sign up for our online giving program, scan this QR code with your mobile device. All donations are processed through the Presbyterian Foundation and VANCO giving services and is secure and protected.



HOAGIES: Emma Burkley is taking orders for fresh hoagies and pizza for the high school band. The order form is at the front of the church.

PASTOR MARY KAY will be out of the office for continuing education from September 22nd through September 28th. Then on vacation from September 29th through October 5th.

APPLE PIES: We will be making homemade apple pies on Friday, October 14th. Pick up for the pies will be Saturday, October 15th. Pies will be \$12 each and small pies will be \$6 each. Please place your order in the collection plate or call the office. The last day to order pies will be Monday, October 10th. Please sign up to help peel peaches and help assemble pies.



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