

Those who trust in God will
never regret it.
Romans 10:11a



*First
Presbyterian
Church*



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August 13, 2023 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are invited to stand if able
Items in **bold** are congregational responses

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME–

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

Lord Jesus, when you call us to follow where you lead, our hearts rejoice, but our fears sidetrack us. Open our hearts and our ears to hear your voice above all others. Then may we respond in trust, willing to get out of the boat, come to you, walk with you, and follow you through all of life’s joys and sorrows, triumphs, and challenges.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 2)

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God

People: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?**

Leader: These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how
I went with the throng, and led them in procession to
the house of God,

People: **with glad shouts of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

People: **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.**

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy, and peace for all the times ahead. AMEN.

HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Red 318

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

In the presence of almighty God and before one another, let us confess our sin and the things that hinder us in leading faithful lives as God's people.

CHORUS "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Led by Pastor

Save us, O God, for the waters have come up to our necks. We have come into deep waters, and the floods sweep over us. We are weary; our throats are parched. Our eyes grow dim with waiting for our God. Gracious God, forgive us for taking our eyes off Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. When the storms of life swirl around us, we forget your unfailing goodness and power to save us. We hear Jesus say, "Come," but we make excuses about why it is too hard to follow him. Forgive our sins, Lord, and help us to step out in faith. Be merciful to us when we cry out, "We believe; help our unbelief!" In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

Friends, hear and believe the good news: He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, [h] the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14).

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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:**

May the peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name and love of Christ.

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

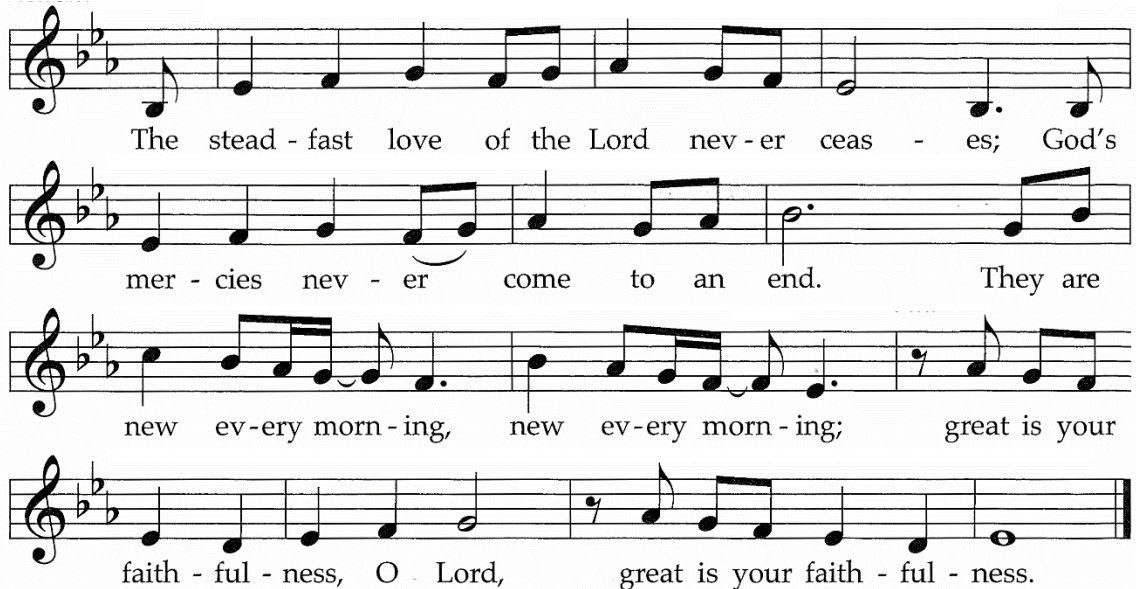
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How firm a foundation is laid for our faith in your excellent Word, O Lord! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our faith be strengthened that we may step out in faith and follow our Lord Jesus where he leads us. Amen.

PSALM

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord” from Glory to God hymnal

Refrain



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's
mercies never come to an end. They are
new every morning, new every morning; great is your
faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

People: **Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all
God's marvelous works.**

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek
the LORD rejoice.

People: **Search for the LORD and the strength of the LORD;
continually seek the face of God.**

Leader: Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and
the judgments of God's mouth,

People: **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen.**

Refrain

Leader: The LORD is our God, whose judgments
prevail in all the world.

People: The LORD has always been mindful of the covenant, the promise made for a thousand generations:

Leader: The covenant made with Abraham,
the oath sworn to Isaac,

People: which God established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel.

Leader: For God remembered the holy promise and Abraham,
chosen to serve.

People: God led forth the people with gladness, the chosen ones with shouts of joy.

Refrain

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 10:5-15 Liturgist

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Oceans"
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GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33 Pastor

SERMON: "" Pastor

HYMN: "Trusting Jesus" Red 79

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORUS "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Be generous to all who call on you. **Lord, save us.**

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP Liturgist
In grateful response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, let us continue our worship as we present our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY Joe Balogh

***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

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you in faith and promise to provide us everything we need for ministry in your name. Bless these gifts we bring, that we may use them faithfully to share the good news of your love and mercy. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

HYMN:

“God Will Take Care of You”

Red 56

COMMISSION AND SENDING

Leader: We will go into the world as God's people,

People: telling of God's hopes for all.

Leader: We will go to serve the world as followers of Jesus,

People: showing with our lives that all are part of the kingdom.

Leader: We will go to share the Spirit,

People: to bring peace where there is war, to share love where there is hate.

BENEDICTION

You have been embraced by the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by Jesus to go into this world to offer healing and hope. Go in peace. AMEN.

RESPONSE: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of her parents Albert & Marida Zimmaro by Judy Latchem.

Those Serving Among Us Today

Liturgist today is Dave Neel.

Greeter today was Sharon Zunic.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN:

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; Kristy Ochs piano recital

THURSDAY: Food Bank at FMC

FRIDAY: Peeling peaches and Pie baking

SATURDAY: Pie pick up from 9 am – 12 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; Blessing of the backpacks

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Aug. 14- Emma Burkley	Aug. 28- Janet Garlits
Aug. 16- Jennifer Davis	Aubree Rudolph
Aug. 23- Elaine Bair	Aug. 31- Jessica Phillabaum
Aug. 26- Stephanie Morgan	
Aug. 24- Ken & Rachelle Day	
Aug. 28- Don & Dana Brick	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: Thank you for your faithful support of the church and its ministries. Plates are on the windowsills, as well. You may still drop off your offerings in the mail slot of the Parish House.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: The Anniversary Committee will be having a meeting on August 23rd at 6 pm. Anyone interested in working on the anniversary celebration please plan to attend!

PEACH FESTIVAL: Thank you to everyone who made this weekend's peach festival a success. Thank you to Bobbi Jo for all your hard work.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH! Join us on Sunday, August 20th, for Back-to-School Sunday. You can participate in a number of ways:

1. Bring a "pre-packed" backpack with school supplies or a collection of school supply items for a needy child (to be distributed through Salvation Army). Also, school snacks such as puddings, Goldfish, etc., would be helpful.
2. Bring a plate of cookies or snacks for an after-church celebration. Help in the kitchen would be appreciated.
3. Invite your neighbors and friends to bring their children and school supplies for a special service at 10 am, during which we will pray for them and the new school year.

If you have questions, see Pastor Mary Kay.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers. Please call the office with prayer needs, updates, and questions or e-mail the church at office@fpresbv.org.

† John Amoroso † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Wesley Beam † Dolores Beatty † Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish † Bob & Carol Berish † Carl Boone † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton † Cameron Burnardza † Angel Burnsworth † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell † Carol Carcella † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Chloe Chachaula † Rev. Ian Chikoti † Michael Colla † Lou Comadina † Nancy Craig † Glenn Crownover † Darla † Rich & Kathy Davies † Sandy Davis † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Sarah Hepple † Brittany Heckathorn † Wayne Helster † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson † Janet † June Kefover † Donna Kearns † Cameron Kennedy † Lisa Korff † Robert Korff † Gordon & Teresa Lucas Family † Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † Gordon Lucas † Ronnie Lynn † J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori † Phil Morrow † Lynette Murray † Tim and Melissa Nagelreiter † Betsy Neel † Duane Nelson † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Bob Palfrey † June Palfrey † Scott Palfrey † Marge Pawlaski † Nora Pelezar † Helen Pulgino † Dennis Raymer † Pat Robon † Dorothy Rogers † Alina Shaw † Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Toi Smith † Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Loretta Sterner † Laura Stopka † Patty Strychalski † Sandy Walters † Joseph Waywood † Yauger Family † Kim Zunic †

Pray for the safety and protection of First Responders (police, fire, EMTs), Military Personnel, Medical Personnel, Caregivers who deplete themselves caring for others, and those affected by senseless violence and war.

(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list, please call the office at 724-929-7616 or fill out a prayer card and place in the offering plate)



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Class of 2025

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Eileen Kunca

Class of 2024
Jessica Phillabaum
Dave Neel

Class of 2025
Susan Aten
Fred Exley
June Exley
Barb Moskala

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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