

First Presbyterian Church

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship.*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Finlandia"
Jean Sibelius

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING
The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
God has done great things for us;
therefore we rejoice in the Lord.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #396 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. When the poor cry out for help, we often pass them by. When the weak reveal their strength, we want to silence their voices. Forgive us, God of grace. Save a place, even for us, at that great banquet of

redemption when all will be made well; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 84:1-12 (p. 472)

ANTHEM "How Can I Keep From Singing"
arr. Eric Nelson

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Children's Handbells
***Children ages 4-4th grade leave for Children's Worship*

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 4:1-11 (p. 997)

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Worshiping Community"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed, pg. 35*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(You may give online at
http://www.fpcclarksville.org/give_online)

THE OFFERTORY Children's Handbells

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #41 "O Worship The King"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Postlude on "Psalm 117"
Allen Orton Gibbs

WORSHIP NOTES

Matt Nikiel is today's liturgist.
Leong Lee is today's audio-visual specialist.
Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.
Matt McNeill, Accompanist.
***Please stand if you are able.**
****Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the church office**

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 28

9:00am Children/Youth & Adult SS Classes

9:00-9:15am Children's Music

4-6:00pm Youth Groups

Monday, October 29

5:00pm Theology on Tap @ O'Charley's

Tuesday, October 30

5:00pm Yoga

Wednesday, October 31

10:00am Bible Study group meets in the Chapel

6:00pm Handbells

6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm Adult Choir

Thursday, November 1

8:30am Yoga

12:00noon Staff Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD:

October 28 Congregational Meeting (see announcement)

Reverse Trick or Treat (see announcement)

November 4 All Saints' Day

Time Change/Fall Back

November 6 Election Day (no Preschool)

November 11 Leadership Dinner

November 12 Veterans Day OFFICE CLOSED

November 18 Consecration Lunch (see announcement)

November 22 & 23 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED

FPC Social Media Links:

Instagram: [fpcclarksvilletn](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place **TODAY** at the end of worship (11:00am). This meeting is for the purpose of electing elders to serve on Session for the next three years. **The nominees for the Class of 2021 are Tamara Long, Maggie Brown, Rick Prall, and Cecil Morgan. The youth elder nominee is Christina Glover.**

Participation in this meeting is an important responsibility of membership. Please make every effort to attend. Also, please join us in thanking our Elder Nominating Committee for 2018, chaired by Elder Mark McNeil (Session, Class of 2018). Members of the committee also include Elder Greg Guinn (Session, Class of 2019; Chair-elect for 2019), Evan Duncan (Youth Elder), and at-large members Margaret Adames, Phil Kemmerly, Jane Wallace, and Liz Van Otten.

ALL SAINTS DAY is November 4. We have a continuing list of Saints that will be printed on a separate insert in November 4 bulletin. I have added the Saints that left us after 2017 All Saints Day: Miriam Conry, Max Ernst, Mamie Harper, CH O'Brien and Joel Thomas.

If there is anyone you want added please contact Monica at 645-6551 or fpcclarksville@gmail.com. Thank you.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY is November 18. We urge you to plan now to attend these two important events: Sunday morning worship and the Celebration Luncheon immediately following worship that same day (a catered meal, not a potluck dinner). This spiritual-growth-oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development.

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

10:00am Service

Name: _____

Member(s)

Visitor(s)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I am interested in membership, baptism, or a meeting with the pastor (please circle which one(s)).

Other: _____

Prayer Requests: _____

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER we encourage members to evaluate road conditions and decide whether to drive to worship. Should it be necessary to cancel any events scheduled for Sundays, we will request two local news media make the info available to the public after 6 pm on Saturday. You can look on the Leaf Chronicle web site, listen to WJZM AM 1400 or check FirstPresbyterianChurch,Clarksville,TN and an announcement will be on Realm and other social media. Also on the days that the public-school system closes for dangerous road conditions, the church will be closed for activities. As you know the weather can change from morning to afternoon to evening so if you have a class or meeting, please check with the group leader.

REVERSE TRICK-OR-TREAT AT ARCADIA SENIOR LIVING CENTER will be **Today from 4pm-5pm** at 175 Chesapeake Ln, Clarksville, TN 37040. This is a family event for all ages, costumes are welcome, but not required. Please **RSVP** by Wednesday, October 24 to Dianne York at pdslyork@gmail.com. Each group will meet after leaving Arcadia. Bring a friend! If you want to contribute cookies, candy, etc. plan for about 30-40 residents, if all participate.