

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!*

*Rhonda Banasiak, Lay Pastor
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2020*

** For those who are attending in-person worship, the congregation is invited to hum the tune and to meditate on the text of the hymns and other service music. Some pieces will be played as hymns and some will be more improvisatory. We encourage participation at the level of your comfort. It is important that our voices remain at low volume to lessen the risk during the pandemic, so there are no vocalists during the in-person service. If you are participating at home, you are encouraged to sing the words aloud on all hymns and during the other service music.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Sonata in b minor: Allegro moderato"
by Joseph Haydn

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Exalt the Almighty and worship at God's holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.
Look! The Lord draws near; come into the presence of the Holy One.

Let us behold the glory of our God.

*HYMN #36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord, in you we live and move and have our being.
You call us to give all that we are and all that we have
in service to Christ.

But we hold tightly to our treasure, afraid we will not have
enough for ourselves, and hold back our talents, afraid
these gifts will not be enough.

God, unclench our fists and help us to give fully and freely
so that, in all things, we might serve and glorify you.

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 Ruth 3:1-9 (p. ???)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Joy in the Heart"
by J. M. and Helen M. Dungan

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Video service only)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 3:10-18 (p. ???)

RESPONSE

SERMON "Redemption: Boaz's Story"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #43 "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus
Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His human life involves the church in the common life of
all people.

His service to men and women commits the church to work
for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human
suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of
persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on
the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the
awful consequences of the church's own complicity in
injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human
life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in
the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY Bell Choir Special

THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Allegro non troppo e pesante"
by Charles Villiers Stanford



WORSHIP NOTES

Liz Thomas? is today's in-person liturgist. **Karen Goggin** is today's video service liturgist.

Maggie Glenn is leading today's Video Children's Moment.

Hannah Cruse is Director of Music and Accompanist.

Hanna Lawrence, Charles Anderson, Doug Young, Liz Thomas, Carolyn Riggins, Dylan May, David Seay are today's Vocalists.

Curtis Compton & Morgan Adames are today's Audio-Visual Specialists.

***Please stand if you are able.**

Please remember to follow the instructions below for your safety and the safety of others.

• *Wear a mask at all times (not like dining out where you remove your mask at your seat). Face shields are not a substitute for a mask.*

• *Maintain social distance at all times (this includes entering, sitting in, and exiting the sanctuary).*

• *Responsive reading and humming are great. Please no shouting.*

*** Please remain seated during the postlude as ushers dismiss the congregation by row from the rear of the sanctuary. Please do not loiter in the vestibule or on the church lawn, so that all may exit in a timely manner without congregating.*

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

- In-person in Fellowship Hall (please notify Pastor Greg directly if you plan to attend in person this Wednesday)

- By computer, tablet, or smart

phone, <https://zoom.us/j/231246359?pwd=eXNiWEtBNElvYmU5aVJub2RmUzVVQT09>

- By phone, 301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782

Check your newsletter for the Meeting ID & Password

Children's Time with Dianne Every Wednesday

Grades K-2 from 6:00-6:30pm

Grades 3-5 from 6:30-7:00pm

PARENTS, to join that Zoom meeting, go to

<https://zoom.us/j/94754857815?pwd=Q0JEcmZ0Qy8vM3VUMXh0Z1BSUGlmQT09>

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THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 18

10am **Morning Prayer & Worship**

4:30 pm **Youth Meeting (Downtown Commons)**

Monday, October 19

10 am **Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall/see announcement)**

Tuesday, October 20

10am **PW Book Club**

5pm **Yoga**

7pm **Men's Fellowship (Zoom Meeting/see announcement)**

Wednesday, October 21

10am **Bible Study with Pastor (see announcement)**

6:00pm **Children's Time with Dianne**

(see announcement)

7pm **Book Discussion (see announcement)**

Thursday, October 22

8:30am **Yoga**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion

White Too Long, by Robert P. Jones. The author is the winner of the 2019 Grawemeyer Award in Religion and CEO of the non-partisan Public Religion Research Institute. The approach is historical, sociological, and autobiographical. Pastor Greg has issued an invitation for those who are interested in a serious conversation about racism and Christian theology in the American context to read the book and join the conversation.

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m., October 7-28

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-discussion-white-too-long-by-robert-p-jones-tickets-118363164411>

Men's Fellowship Group

Group 1 (In Person) will meet on the **first and third Mondays at 10:00 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. The first organizational and introductory meeting will take place on **Monday, October 19.**

Please note that **masks are mandatory** for meetings at the

church during the pandemic, and **we will space ourselves appropriately** in the Fellowship Hall, allowing for social distancing.

Group 2 (Online, Via Zoom) will meet on the **first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** The first organizational and

introductory meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 20.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96061426912?pwd=a05WZHdjM0EwMW5BVHBMZRU1aWU4xZz09>

Check you newsletter, e-mail, or contact Pastor Greg (glovergl@gmail.com) for the Meeting ID & Password.

Presbyterian Disaster Relief Offering

Sunday, October 25, 2020

There will be a special offering taken during morning worship for those impacted by the natural disasters that have occurred throughout this year. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has projects in 22 states, including TN due to the tornado that occurred in March. They are assisting in recovery from hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, the Iowa derecho, and COVID. Thank you for being such a caring and generous church. If you cannot give in person feel free to mail in your gift or utilize Tithely or Paypal to give online designating your gift for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.