

**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-First Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 25, 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

IN PERSON WORSHIP/BELL CHOIR "On Winds of the Morning"  
VIDEO SERVICE "Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major"  
By Dietrich Buxtehude

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

**And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Drawn by love, we come, to offer our whole selves in Christ's service.

**Let us worship the Lord!**

\*HYMN #104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God,  
we know this, your Greatest Commandment: love the Lord with heart, soul, and mind; love your neighbor as yourself.

**These words dwell in our hearts and rest on our lips.**

**And, yet, we are so slow to act upon them.**

When we encounter neighbors in need we are quick to pass judgment,

**even though love demands empathy.**

We see your children suffering, but are too busy, too weary to respond,

**even though love demands compassion.**

We see unjust systems that strip others of dignity but believe we are powerless to effect change,

**even though love demands action.**

And whenever we do not treat our neighbors as we ourselves would hope to be treated,

**we do not love you fully.**

Forgive us, Lord.

**Transform our hearts, restore our souls, and renew our minds, so that we might be faithful to your commandments.**

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 4:1-6 (p. 212)

SPECIAL MUSIC

IN PERSON WORSHIP/BELL CHOIR "Oh How Joyfully"  
VIDEO SERVICE "Great God, We Sing that Mighty Hand"  
by Melchior Vulpius/edited by Matthew Lundquist

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Video service only)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 4:7-21 (p. 212)

RESPONSE

SERMON

"New Life: Naomi's Story"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #74 "When God Restored Our Common Life"

\*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

IN PERSON WORSHIP/BELL CHOIR "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

VIDEO SERVICE "Vor deinen thron tret ich hiermet" (Before Your Throne I Now Appear) by J.S. Bach

THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #816 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

\*CHARGE & BENEDECTION

\*POSTLUDE (Video Service)

"A Mighty Fortress"  
arr. by Hannah Cruse

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Craig Schryver** is today's in-person liturgist. **Cecil & Mary Beth Morgan** are today's video service liturgists. **Dianne York** is leading today's Video Children's Moment. **Hannah Cruse** is Director of Music and Accompanist. **Hannah Lawrence, Charles Anderson, Ben Hickson, Doug Young, Erin Hilderbrandt, Daniel Hopkins, Leo Adames** 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 25

10am Morning Prayer & Worship

10am Presbyterian Disaster Relief Offering  
(see announcement)

11:15am Congregational Meeting via Zoom  
(see announcement)

4:30 pm Middle School Youth Meeting/Downtown  
Commons

### Monday, October 26

12pm Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, October 27

5pm Yoga

### Wednesday, October 28

10am Bible Study with Pastor (see announcement)

6:00pm Children's Time with Dianne  
(see announcement)

7pm Book Discussion (see announcement)

### Thursday, October 29

8:30am Yoga

### Saturday, October 31

Happy Halloween!



## 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. 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.** Join the Zoom Meeting.

<https://zoom.us/j/96061426912?pwd=a05WZHdjM0EwMW5BVHBZRU1aWU4xZz09>

Check your newsletter, e-mail, or contact Pastor Greg ([glovergl@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Congregational Meeting (via Zoom)

October 25, 2020 @ 11:15 (after morning worship)

The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders to active service on Session. The slate to be presented by the Nominating Committee is: Hershel Basham, Jesse Colston, Lesa Goder, Jennie McNeil (Youth Elder), & Charene Watson.



**Middle School Youth Meeting** on **Sunday, October 25 from 4:30-5:30** at the Downtown Commons. Bring a friend and a mask for games & a devotion.