

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
All Saint's Day
November 1, 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

LIGHTING OF MEMORIAL CANDLES

PRELUDE "Gabriel's Oboe"
(Oboe/organ arrangement available online) by Ennio Morricone

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! A vast multitude—citizens of every nation, speakers of every tongue—standing before the throne of the Lamb.
See how they dwell within God's temple, in the shelter of One who wipes away their tears.

We join our voices with these saints and with the choir of angels, who forever sing God's praise:

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The language of this prayer is inspired, in part, by Margaret Aymer's rewording of the Beatitudes in Confessing the Beatitudes (Horizons Bible Study, 2011).

"The kingdom belongs to the hopeless," you tell us; and, "How honorable are those who mourn."

Sometimes, we disregard those among us who are poor in spirit, rather than surrounding them with our care.

When we shy away from those who yearn for compassion because of our own discomfort or distress,
forgive us.

When we rush past those searching for hope because we do not have the "right" words to say,
forgive us.

God, break open our hardened hearts.

Grant us the grace to turn toward others with loving kindness, and help us be instruments of healing and wholeness.

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 Hebrews 11:1-12 (p. 977)

SPECIAL MUSIC "We've Come This Far By Faith"
by Albert A. Goodson, arr. by Mary McDonald
(FPC choral version available online)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Video service only)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:1-2, 18-24 (p. 978)

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Visiting the Hall of Faith"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #817

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, p. 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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Shall We Gather By the River"
by Aaron Copland, performed by Doug Young

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

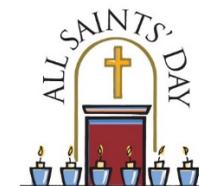
*HYMN #326

"For All the Saints"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Toccatà from Suite Gothique"
by Boellman



WORSHIP NOTES

Sam Mills is today's in-person liturgist. **David & Lesa Goder** are today's video service liturgists.

Bob Lueck 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=eXNiWEtBNElvYmU5aVJub2RmUzVVOQT09>

- 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, November 1 All Saint's Day

10am **Morning Prayer & Worship**

11am **Missions Committee**

4:30 pm **Youth Meeting/AOC gym (see announcement)**

Monday, November 2

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

12pm **Staff Meeting**

Tuesday, November 3 Election Day

5pm **Yoga**

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

Wednesday, November 4

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

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

(see announcement)

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

Thursday, November 5

8:30am **Yoga**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m., November 4-25

Join us online for a discussion of the book *Transhumanism and the Image of God* by Jacob Shatzer. The book looks at thoughtful conversations on the evolution of people in relation to technology. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-discussion-transhumanism-and-the-image-of-god-tickets-122075181153>

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

Consecration Sunday

Sunday, November 22

Please plan as a congregation to attend the two special events of this day—Sunday morning worship (in person or online) and a catered boxed luncheon from the Choppin' Block at the new Loaves and Fishes facility (825 Crossland Avenue). The meal will be served as a curbside/pick up meal or if you feel comfortable to tailgate (social distancing encouraged) this will also be an option. Bring your lawn chairs. Since the luncheon is being catered, we will need your reservation. Pledges can be made during worship or at the luncheon. Please make your reservation using the link found in this week's newsletter, call the church at 931-645-6551, or email us at fpcclarksville@gmail.com.

Youth Meeting

Sunday, November 1 from 4:30-5:30 pm

We are meeting in the gym this week! We will be creating our own obstacle course and targets for a SUPER NERF day! (Don't worry, we will not be shooting each other 😊) Join us for fellowship and games to kick off November. Don't forget your mask, water bottle, and a friend or two!

Book Study

Tuesday, November 24 @ 7 pm

Join us for book study! We are limiting the number of participants to 8, and we are meeting at Ann Waddle's house. We are currently studying *The Simple Faith of Mr. Rogers* by Amy Hollingsworth. We plan to choose another book for the winter.

Please contact Ann Waddle at 931.624.2597 or waddleiread@gmail.com if you are interested.



Saturday, December 5 from 2:30-4:30 pm

Due to the risk of Covid exposure activities are limited and will be exclusively held outdoors. We will enjoy the animals in our live Nativity in front of Runyon & Runyon, Food Trucks and Non-Profits in our parking lot and Santa (no sitting on the lap this year!) will be on stage in the Downtown Commons. Masks and social distancing are highly encouraged. Come and enjoy Spiritfest before the start of the Annual Lighted Christmas parade.