

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
November 8, 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 "Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr:
(All Glory Be to God on High)" by J. S. Bach

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Heirs of the covenant, come; let us present ourselves before the Lord.

We gather to worship the Holy One, to incline our hearts to the one true God.

Family of faith, come; choose this day: Whom will you serve?
As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

*HYMN #81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Keep awake," you tell us, urging us to watch with expectant hope as we wait for you to reveal yourself in our midst.

But, Lord, we grow tired of looking for signs of your presence among us.

We grow weary from a steady diet of distressing news and convince ourselves that you are still far off.

We are careless with the tasks you expect of us and, so, are not prepared to encounter you.

Forgive us for losing heart and losing hope. Sustain us in faith, we pray, and keep us ever watchful so that we might be ready to greet you with joy.

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 Exodus 19:1-6 (p. 57)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Touch the Earth Lightly"
Music by Colin Gibson, Text by Shirley Erena Murray
(FPC choral version available online)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Video service only)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:19-24 (p. 787)

RESPONSE

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Managing Treasures"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

* 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 "I Need Thee Every Hour"
by Robert Lowry, Arr. by Heather Sorenson

THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN #761 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Paean"
by Peter Hurford



WORSHIP NOTES

Tom Presler is today's in-person liturgist. **Kodi & Kristi Kimmell** are today's video service liturgists.

Liz Van Otten 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 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, November 8

10am Morning Prayer & Worship

3pm New Elder Orientation

4pm Music @ Grace/Phantom of the Opera silent movie
with live organ accompanist/Call 931-647-6750 for details.

4:30 pm Youth Meeting/AOC gym

6pm Session Meeting

Monday, November 9

12pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 10

5pm Yoga

10am Congregational Care Meeting

12:30pm Martha Circle

6pm Historical Preservation Meeting

7pm Night Circle

Wednesday, November 11 Happy Veteran's Day!

The church office will be closed today.

10am Bible Study with Pastor (see announcement)

6:00pm Children's Time with Dianne

(see announcement)

7pm Book Discussion (see announcement)

Thursday, November 12

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>

Youth Meeting

Sunday, November 8 from 4:30-5:30pm

Middle School Youth bring your nerf gun, water bottle, and a friend and be ready to have a fun time. High School students are invited to help set up the course starting at 4pm.

Consecration Sunday

Sunday, November 22 beginning at 10am

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.

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
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.

Loaves & Fishes Jingle Bell Food Drive

Months of November & December

Donations will be accepted 8:30am – 12:30pm at Loaves & Fishes, 215 Foster St. Please help stock their shelves this season. For more information, call 931-648-9529 or email info@LoavesandFishesTN.org

NOTICE! FPC is currently looking for a **part-time Maintenance Supervisor**. The job description is available upon request.