

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
Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 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 "Prelude"
by Samuel Wesley

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your eyes to the Lord—the exalted one, who is enthroned in the heavens.

Seeking compassion, seeking grace, we look to the Lord, the giver of mercy.

Pour into God's temple; draw near to the king of creation.

We worship the Lord of heaven and earth!

*HYMN #830 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have made us stewards of your creation and commissioned us to carry out your work to the best of our ability. But we have not served you with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. We withhold our gifts and live in fear.

Have mercy upon us, we pray. Make us bold to use our talents for the sake of your kingdom, until you come in glory.

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 "The Little Shepherd"
by Claude Debussy, performed by Hannah Cruse
Oboe version available online

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Youth Skit/Video Service Only)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:44-46 (p. 795)

RESPONSE

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "A Treasure Worth Everything"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

*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 "Melodia Monastica"
by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #720 "Jesus Calls Us"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Fanfare"
by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

WORSHIP NOTES

Liz Thomas is today's in-person liturgist. **David & Ellen Kanervo** are today's video service liturgists. **The Youth** are 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.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, November 15

10am Morning Prayer & Worship

4:30pm NO Youth Meeting tonight

Monday, November 16

10am Men's Fellowship/Fellowship Hall

12pm Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 17

10am PW Book Club

5pm Yoga

7pm Men's Fellowship/Zoom

Wednesday, November 18

10am Bible Study with Pastor (see announcement)

6:00pm Children's Time with Dianne

(see announcement)

7pm Book Discussion (see announcement)

Thursday, November 19

8:30am Yoga



Youth News

Youth Meetings will be suspended for the remainder of November. **SAVE THESE UPCOMING DATES!**

December 6 High School Bonfire

December 13 Middle School Movie Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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=eXNiWEtBNElvYmt5aVJub2RmUzVVQT09>
 - 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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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>

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. Estimate of Giving Cards can be filled out 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 fpccarlsville@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 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.

Christmas Joy Offering

Sunday, December 6

Morning Worship

Spread Christmas joy this year by participating in the annual Christmas Joy Offering. This special offering will be taken during the morning worship service today, or you can donate through PayPal, Tithely, or mail in your donation to the church office. Thanks for your generosity!



Memorial Poinsettias

Names of those in memoriam or in honor of along with donors will be listed in the **December 13 & 20** bulletin. All you do is donate to the FPC Memorial Fund and let the church know your loved one's name by clicking on the link in the newsletter or by telephoning or emailing the church office. The deadline is **December 9**.

SAVE THE DATE! Children's Christmas Pageant will be **December 20**. Online Service Only.

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