

First Presbyterian Church

October 2, 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

**Rise in body or in spirit...(as indicated below)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE HOUR (Psalm 118:24)

The Chimes

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 395, v.1)

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is a new day.

All: God's faithfulness is new each morning!

Leader: Just as sure as the sun rises every day, the light of God's love is making all things new.

All: And we praise God that today we are blessed to catch a glimpse of God's amazing grace!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Leader: Confession is an opportunity for you and me to recognize that the way we see ourselves is different from the way God sees us. We look upon the outside, but God sees the inside of our hearts. Let's be honest about our need for God's grace to keep reshaping our hearts.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Dear God, we get caught in the trap of comparing ourselves to that friend or that neighbor or that co-worker who seems to have the perfect life. We spend so many waking hours trying to meet the expectations of others. The more we do these things, the more empty we feel. Lord, forgive us. Open our eyes to see ourselves the way you see us; your beloved children who are made in your image. Reshape our hearts and minds to nurture this gift of faith within us. Empower us to know that the only thing that counts is loving you and loving our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

- A Moment for Silent Confession-

*KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus lived among us to show what the truest sense of humanity looks like. It is by his saving death and resurrection that we are forgiven and freed to live our lives with holiness, godliness, and into the hope of our common calling. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE: *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Meredith and Elizabeth Briggs

(All children through 2nd grade are welcome in Children's Church with Mrs. Briggs)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 9: 7-12

(Pew Bible, p. 558)

2 Peter 3: 8-13

(Pew Bible, p. 224)

SERMON

"Wonderful"

Rev. Dr. Craig Butler

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, what do you believe?

All: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When We Eat This Bread

Thomas Keesecker

*RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF PREPARATION 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER (UNISON)

Lord God, in gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we offer our lives to you. Lead us from this place to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and the cup of salvation, and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. That we may we live to your glory. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*CLOSING HYMN 313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 541, verse 1)

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

J. S. Bach

We welcome Rev. Dr. Craig Butler as our worship leader today.

Rev. Butler conducted the counseling ministry at First Presbyterian Church from June, 2000 until his retirement from that position. He is an ordained Presbyterian Minister and has filled our pulpit on numerous occasions. As a reminder, our interim pastor, Rev. Dr. William C. Pender, is in the midst of some long-scheduled travel and will return to the pulpit next Sunday.

Guests...WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God's love for you today. Your signing the Friendship Pad with your contact information when it is passed is encouraged. Church members and staff would be delighted to provide you more information about FPC.

Worship Care Today: Wendy Blanchard **Oct. 9:** Lindsey Skinner
Counters for Oct. 9: Sheryl Smith, Lindsey Skinner
Acolyte(s) Today: Sara Jurado, Ann Lowry Faircloth
Acolyte(s) Oct. 9: Marshall Rikard, McCain Nichols

Please remember the following in prayer: Health Concerns: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Audrey Moore, Alvane Deal, Shirley Burton, Bill Kayser, Izzy Brooks, Ashley Kay, Beth Easley, and Rev. Dr. Mark Verdery.

Help for HOPE: During the month of October, we will collect **jar(s) of pasta sauce** (spaghetti, marinara, alfredo, etc.) and/or a **box(es) of pasta** (macaroni, spaghetti, noodles, angel hair, etc.) for the clients of Project HOPE. Leave your donations in the narthex by **October 31**. Thank you from the Missions Committee and the clients of Project HOPE for helping address hunger right here in our own back yard!

Dimes for Hunger Offering: We will collect this offering in support of our Presbytery's work to address food insecurity next **Sunday, October 9th**.

Family Sunday School: October 9 at 10:00 am in Hopkins Hall. Join us to explore our faith together looking to the life of Jesus.

Youth Group News for September: Youth Group Bible Study meets at 4:30pm on Sunday afternoons. Each of us has a story to tell, a journey of faith that began at God's invitation and will continue throughout eternity. As we immerse ourselves in Joseph's life, we will see how God was at work and is still at work in similar ways in our lives today. Be a part of this study and invite a friend to experience God's grace more fully and grow as a follower of Christ!

Family Promise Host Week at Covenant Presbyterian Church, **October 16-23**. FPC volunteers are needed to greet, serve dinner, and host overnight guests. Contact Kathy Pender for more information.

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen: FPC will be serving on October 23rd, beginning at 2:00pm. Contact Rob Joiner (rob@robjoiner.com) to serve.

Our Extraordinary Children Need You! We are excited our Extraordinary Children Classroom is open. Our Nursery Assistant and York District One Special Education teacher, Mary Gump will be the lead teacher for this classroom. However, we would like an additional church member to volunteer in the classroom each Sunday after the children's sermon and assist Mary during this time. Contact Tara Park for details if interested in helping. Training will be provided.

Columbarium Update: Construction is in the final stages. Remaining activities include completion of Memorial/Legacy plaque installations, minor cosmetic repairs on the precast concrete caps, and final cleanup.

A dedication ceremony is planned for **November 6 following the 11:00 AM church service**. We still need additional funds from niche reservations, plaque sales, or donations for the project to be fully self-funded. Thanks to all who have already taken advantage of this opportunity.

Columbarium Task Force: Bob Ballard, Barry Goodner, Mimi Goodner, Joe Hardy, Bob Norwood, Kathy Pender, Kara Wheeler

Moving Ahead in Hope: We hope you saw in this week's ENews as Libba Faircloth counted her blessings for our church family. If you aren't receiving the ENews, please email the church office (firstpresrh@gmail.com).

Eradicating Systemic Poverty: Dave Keely will be launching a new small group six-session study of the book, *\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America* this fall (starting in October). Contact Dave if you are interested in this important Church learning opportunity!

Trunk or Treat: Save the Date! October 30th at 5:30 pm.

October Deacons on Call - Ellie Dawson, Deneen Gresham, Rob Joiner

Deacons will be at the exits today to receive your offering for the Deacons' Fund.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2
 9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch
 4:30 pm Cherub Choir / Covenant Choir
 4:30 pm Handbell Choir
 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, October 4
 8:30 am Walking Group
 4:00pm Seniors Exercise/Yoga Class
 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday, October 6
 8:30 am Walking Group
 3:00 pm Yarns of Love
 4:00 pm Seniors Exercise/Yoga Class
 5:30 pm Worship Committee

Friday, October 7
 2:00 pm Ed Stultz Memorial Service

Sunday, October 9
 9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 am Family Sunday School with Faith & Food
 11:00 am Worship - Dimes for Hunger Offering
 12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch
 4:30 pm Cherub Choir / Covenant Choir
 4:30 pm Handbell Choir
 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study

Office Hours
 Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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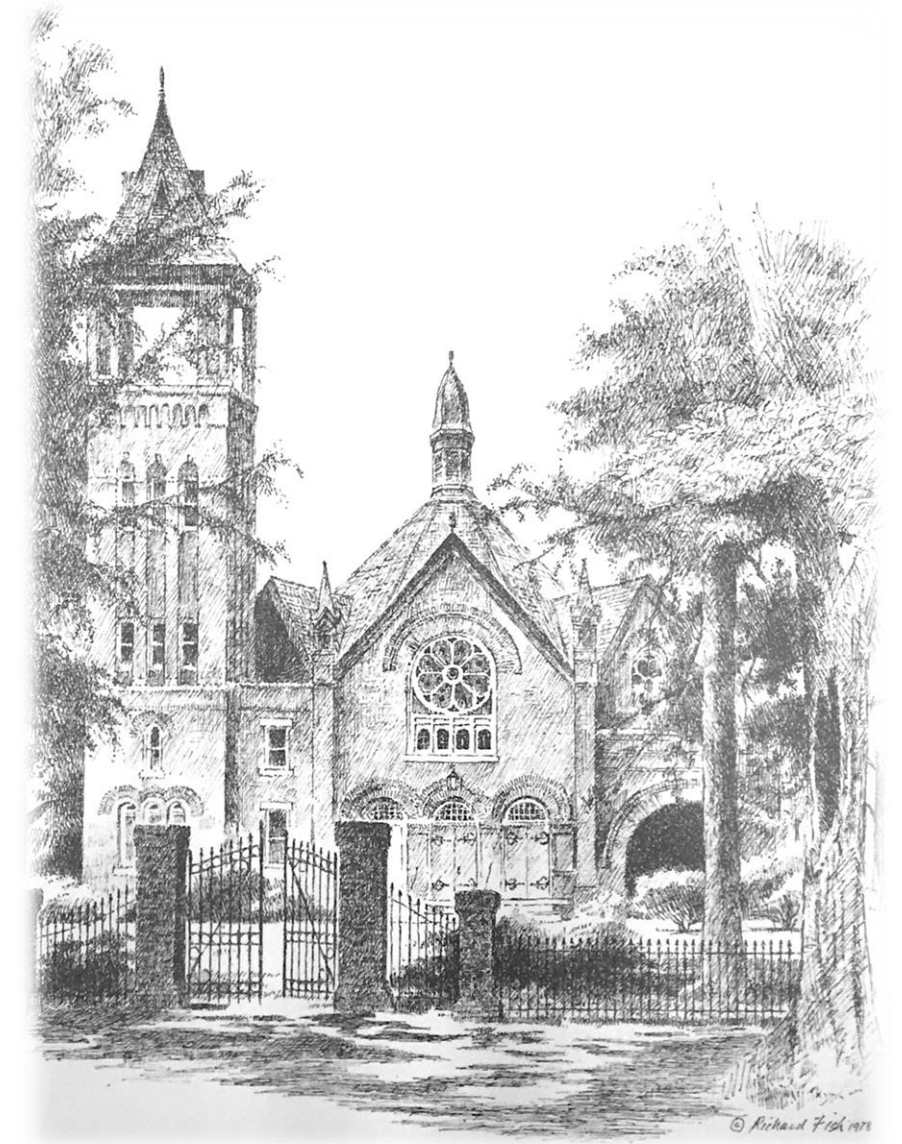
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 Mickey Johnson
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 Wayne Terry
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We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

Worship the living God with joy and thanksgiving
Teach the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ
Serve others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit
Fellowship with one another to energize our life together as a congregation
Nurture and Embrace all of God's children.

Rev. Dr. William C. Pender - Interim Pastor
 Rev. Kara Wheeler - Director of Family Ministries
 Dr. Donald M. Rogers - Director of Music
 M. L. Marley - Organist
 Angela Harris - Director of Cherub Choir
 Ashley Platts - Director of Handbell Choir