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WE ARE A NURTURING,
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO
THE COMMUNITY AND
STANDING AS A BEACON
OF CHRIST'S LOVE
AND PROMISE.



October 24, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church

“O MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME, AND LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER” (PSALM 34:3, NRSV). WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Masking Up - Due to the high number of COVID-19 cases in our area, we *strongly* urge the use of masks during worship. Thank you for your consideration.

Worship With Us - Today we gather for worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. If you are unable to attend, you can join us in one of the following ways:

† 10:30 a.m. Sundays on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/fpcpborgw/>

† Later on our website's Worship tab
<https://www.fpcpborgw.org>

† Tune in to **1710 AM** on your radio each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., and listen from your vehicle in the front parking lot.

Coffee Hour - As a precautionary health measure our weekly 10:00 coffee hour has been suspended until further notice.

Hearing Devices are now available for the 10:30 service. You may obtain one from the greeter in the foyer.

Printed Sermons - A few selected sermons are available in print. Please see the greeter in the foyer for your copy.

Pledge Cards - Blank pledge cards are available on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary, along with a box where you may submit your completed cards. We hope to have all of your pledges in by next **Sunday, October 31**, for Stewardship Dedication.

Memorial Service - The family of Jack Farrell invites the congregation to attend a memorial service for Jack on **Saturday, November 6, at noon** in the Sanctuary.

Veterans Day Observance - On **Sunday, November 7**, we will honor and recognize all *living* U.S. veterans during our worship services. (We honor *deceased* veterans near Memorial Day.) If there are veterans that you would like to honor, and did not submit their names last year, please do so by returning the form included in this bulletin, or send the names in an e-mail to office@fpcpborgw.org. The deadline for submitting names is **Monday, November 1**.

Your Favorite Hymns - If you would like to offer your input for choosing hymns used for worship, Pastor Annie would like to hear from you. Let her know your favorites by filling out a form (available in the current newsletter and in the foyer), then returning it to the church office or the offering plate on any Sunday.

Questions? - If you have a question about anything church-related, please see Pastor Annie. If she does not have the answer, she can help find someone who does.

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	September	YTD
Income	\$12,399.62	\$150,188.26
Expenses	\$32,582.25	\$173,142.24
Diff. (+ /-)	(\$20,182.63)	(\$ 22,953.98)
Avg. Attendance: Sept.	YTD	
8:30	12	13
10:30	26	43

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

Minute for Mission: Bluestone Virtual 5K

Jennifer Crow

Prelude

Wonderful Words of Life

arr. Joel Rancey

*Call to Worship

We light this flame to affirm that where there is light,
there is understanding;
where there is understanding,
there is compassion;
where there is compassion,
there is possibility;
where there is possibility;
there is transformation.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

*Holy and Living God, Lord of our hearts, be our vision and light.
Transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder.
Open us to this light,
and to the rich possibilities that it brings us
for a "wonder-full" life. Amen.*

Please be seated for hymn

Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
*PH - 376; GTG - 366***

HYFRYDOL

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Gracious God, we place our trust
in tangible things we can see and touch
and question whether you are really there.*

*Those who are able, please stand.

**PH = Presbyterian Hymnal; GTG = Glory to God

*So often our contributions bring more negativity than positivity,
 more resentment than forgiveness,
 more breaking down than lifting up.
 Forgive us, God of mercy and Lord of our hearts.
 Be our vision, be our wisdom. Help us when we lose our way,
 and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and remember that
 in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
 Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do,
 God has balanced the ledgers and holds nothing against you.
 God has forgiven all debts.
 In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
 Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

GROWING

Special Music

Safe Within Your Arms
Jennifer Crow, soloist

Mark Hayes

Introduction to the Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

Let us prepare our hearts for the scripture this day:
 Mighty God, be our wisdom, and our true Word.
 Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit
 that we hear your word for us today.
 Give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose
 the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

1 Timothy 6:17-19
 The word of the Lord.
Praise be to God!

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Sermon

“LOOKING OUT”

The Rev. Annie McMillan

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*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.

CARING

Offering

*The Doxology

Hymn 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

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.

GOING

Hymn

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

GTG - 720**

*Benediction and Sending Forth

The Postlude

Finale in F

Roger Wilson



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Liturgist - *Becky D. McGinnis*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

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THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, October 24

8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 26

6:00 p.m. Session meets - Room 204

Thursday, October 28

7:00 p.m. Small Bell Group rehearsal - Bell Room

7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 3 meeting - Scout House

Sunday, October 31 *All Saints' Sunday*

Stewardship Dedication

8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

Jim & Liz Sterrick
Nelson Douglass
Dode Thornburg
Mary Anne Danser
Nancy Pillichody
Missy Hickman
Hurricane victims
Those with COVID

Madison & Jacob Clevenger
Tom & Linda Buchanan
Homebound Members
Troops – World Peace
Revival in our nation
Haiti earthquake victims
Those left in Afghanistan

Bob Dunn
Lucy Finley
Tim McFee
Joe Propst
Bill Niday
Stacey Wright
John B. White
Debra Burns

Next Sunday, October 31, we will conclude our stewardship worship series *A Wonder-full Life* by "Looking with Gratitude."

Our scripture will include Acts 4:32-35.