



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.



November 14, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS WE WORSHIP IN THE NAME OF THE CREATOR, THE SAVIOR AND THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT. AMEN.

Coffee Hour - Please join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's coffee hour is hosted by **Debbie Foley**.

Pledge Dedication - If you have not yet done so, you may return your pledge cards by depositing them in the box at the back of the Sanctuary or in the offering plate.

J Dollar Men's Breakfast - We invite all men to bring J Dollars and attend the breakfast this **Wednesday, November 17, at 9 a.m.** Proceeds go to the Deacons to fund their church outreach programs. Sign up in the foyer to volunteer or prepare food. To donate your J Dollars, use the special offering envelopes at the back of the Sanctuary.

Congregational Meeting - Next Sunday, **November 21**, following the 10:30 Service for the Lord's Day, there will be a congregational meeting for the election of 2022 officers. Please plan to attend.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Sign up in the foyer for the church Thanksgiving Dinner, next **Sunday, November 21**, following our Congregational Meeting. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be received.

DEACONS CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

- ◆ Next Sunday, November 21, you will see a *Christmas Flock Tree* in the foyer, with tags listing small gifts you can purchase for our *Care Families*. Remove one or more tags and return the listed gifts beneath the tree.

- ◆ There will also be an area where you may leave Christmas cards for them. Address lists will be available for those who would like to mail their cards.

All gifts and cards should be returned to the church by **December 13** for prompt delivery.

Poinsettia Orders - To order a poinsettia for the Sanctuary at Christmas, fill out an order form and return it with your payment to the offering plate, or mail to the church office no later than **December 1**.

Prayer Garden Lights - To donate strings of lights (preferably clear or blue) for decorating the Prayer Garden, please leave them in the red tote in the foyer.

Air Conditioners - We have several working window air conditioner units to give away. If you would like one, please call the office @304-422-5426 to make arrangements to pick it up. All units remaining on December 1 will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Liturgist Coordinator - We are in need of a volunteer to schedule liturgists for 10:30 worship services. If you would love to take on this task, please contact the church office, 304-422-5426, for more information.

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	October	YTD
Income	\$14,026.72	\$164,214.98
Expenses	\$18,379.35	\$191,521.59
Diff. (+ /-)	(\$ 4,352.63)	(\$ 27,306.61)
Avg. Attendance:	Oct.	YTD
	8:30	10
	10:30	28
		41

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation
Bell Quintet

arr. Sandra Eithun

*Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our source of life.

God awakens us from the dust of the earth.

Let us worship God, our sovereign protector.

God is at our right hand, and we shall not be moved.

Let us worship God with hearts that are glad,

for in God's presence there is fullness of joy.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

***Eternal God, as human kingdoms crumble
and earthly temples turn to dust,***

You remain faithful: our rock and salvation.

***Through days of jubilation as well as dejection,
help us realize your influence in the world.***

We ask simply for ears to hear, eyes to see,

and minds to comprehend the blessings you bestow.

Through Jesus Christ, the cornerstone. Amen.

*Hymn

To God Be the Glory
*PH - 485; GTG - 634***

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will.

***We build walls that separate us: from you, from one another,
from the world, even from ourselves.***

We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth.

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

***Forgive us, God of grace.
Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another,
to work together for good in the world,
and to prepare for the day of the Lord;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

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,
whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not:
You are accepted, you are welcomed.
You are washed clean, you are raised up.
You are forgiven, you are set free.
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

Holy Manna
Vocal Quartet

Joel Raney

Introduction to the Scripture

Prayer for Illumination

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts
and your Spirit govern our lives
until at last we see the fulfillment
of your realm of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scripture

Psalm 16

p. 388

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Mark 13:1-8

p. 719

The gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“FAITHFUL WITHIN THE CHAOS”

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

Pledge Dedication

Prayers of the PeopleThe 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**

We Give Thee But Thine Own
 PH - 428 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5); GTG - 708**

SCHUMANN

Benediction and Sending Forth*The Postlude**

We Gather Together

arr. Joel Raney

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Liturgist - *Greg Boso*
 Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

*Those who are able, please stand.

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THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, November 14 **Pledge Dedication**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 16

- 5:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration Committee - Room 204

Wednesday, November 17

- 9:00 a.m. J Dollar Men's Breakfast - Stevenson Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Financial Management - C. Alfred's Office
- 7:00 p.m. Small Vocal Group Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 18

- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Rooms 123 & 124
- 6:30 p.m. Small Bell Group rehearsal - Bell Room
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 3 meeting - Scout House

Sunday, November 21 **Christ the King Sunday** / *Communion*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- Thanksgiving Dinner - Stevenson Hall
- Greening of the church

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

Nelson Douglass	Madison & Jacob Clevenger	Mike Lewis
Dode Thornburg	Tom & Linda Buchanan	Bob Dunn
Nancy Pillichody	Jim & Liz Sterrick	Lucy Finley
Mike Kirsch	Mary Anne Danser	Tim McFee
John B. White	Homebound Members	Joe Propst
Stacey Wright	Troops – World Peace	Bill Niday
Missy Hickman	Those left in Afghanistan	Debra Burns

Lectionary Texts for next week: November 21
Christ the King Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37