

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**November 12, 2023**  
**Ordinary Time**

**8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

## ***Welcome to worship***

\* \* \* *As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones.* \* \* \*

## ***Gathering***

### **Prelude**

Let All Things Now Living

THE ASH GROVE, arr. Cathy Moglebust

### **Greeting and Welcome**

Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship register and pass it to the person next to you.

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

(8:30 a.m.) Jane Murl  
(11:00 a.m.) Denise Ring

*Together, we choose to serve God, which means:*

**We choose love, we choose hope, we choose peace.**

*We choose kindness, we choose welcome, we choose justice.*

**We choose to serve God.**

*Let us worship the Lord.*

### **♦ Hymn 410**

God Is Calling through the Whisper

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### **Call to Reconciliation**

*Our God is a God of glorious deeds, of wondrous works.*

**Our hope is in God. But, we do not always keep God's  
commandments.**

*Let us confess our sins before our merciful and mighty God.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

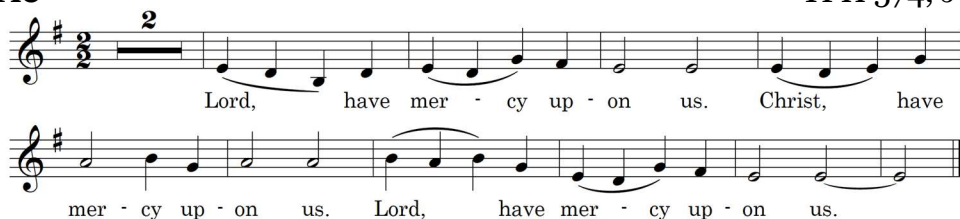
**Everlasting God, we say we want to see you, we say we want to know you, we say we want to serve you, but we also do not want to put in the work. We do not want to prepare for your coming by working for your kin-dom on this earth. We do not keep alert for signs of you among us, so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays. Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action. Surprise us with your presence so we might learn to always be ready for you to arrive. Amen.**

♦ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

## Silent Confession

### Kyrie

TPH 574, Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Words of Life

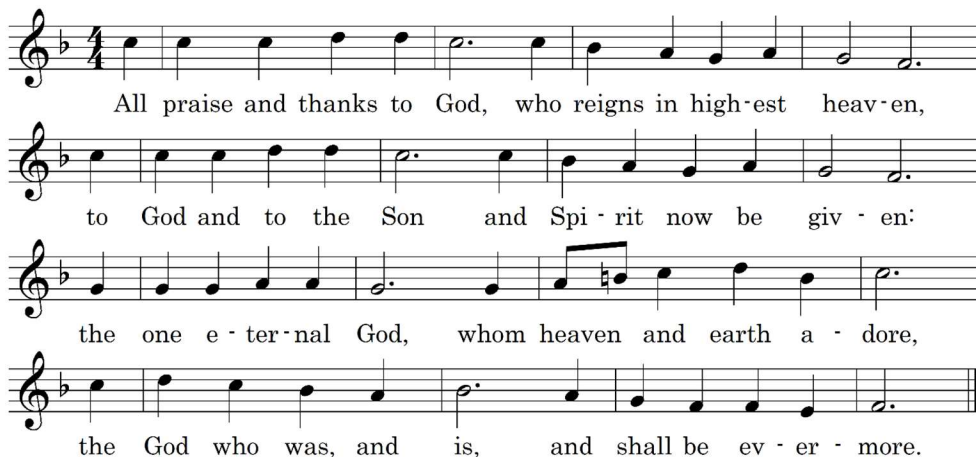
*All who seek God will rejoice and be glad.*

**We proclaim that God is great because of this good news:  
we are forgiven.**

*Be at peace in the knowledge of God's grace and mercy. Amen.*

### ◆ Gloria Patri

GTG 643 (stanza 3), NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT



All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en,  
to God and to the Son and Spi - rit now be giv - en:  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

### ◆ Time for Young Worshipers

#### Passing of the Peace

Please refrain from shaking hands and greet each other with a word of peace or a wave of the hand.

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

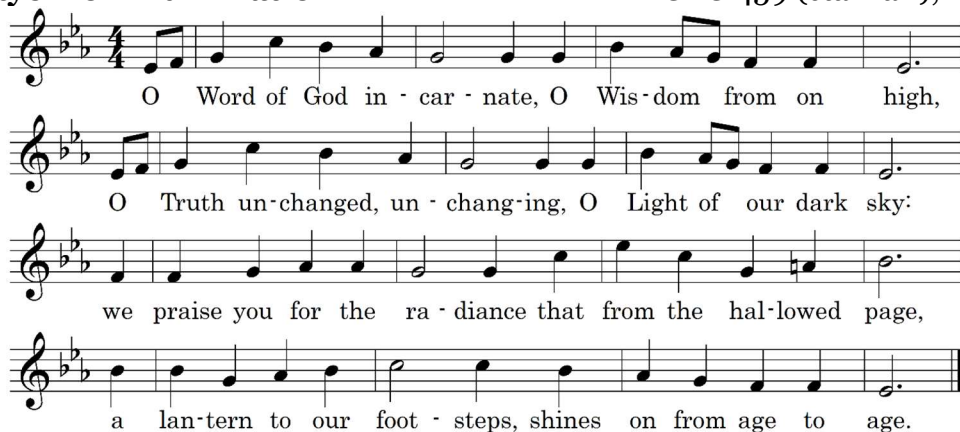
**And also with you.**

*Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!*

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination

GTG 459 (stanza 1), MUNICH



O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

### Reading from the Epistles

1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18

### Hymn 350 (8:30 a.m.)

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning    KEEP YOUR LAMPS  
(stanzas 1 & 2 only)

### Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Keep Your Lamps!    Spiritual, arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Cherub, Calvin, and Chancel Choirs

### Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 25:1-13

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

*Waiting With Eyes Wide Open*

Rev. T.J. Parlette

## Our Response

◆ **Hymn 349**    "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us    WACHET AUF

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**    The Apostles Creed (traditional)

**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.**

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**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Blessed Lord ...*

**Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'*)

### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Offertory**

Steal Away to Jesus Spiritual, arr. Richard Warner

#### **Offertory Response (Hymn 608)**

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all  
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

#### ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**O great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.**

### ***Sending***

#### ◆ **Hymn 317**

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

#### ◆ **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us, BWV 645

J.S. Bach

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# Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of November 12, 2023



## This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, November 12**  
Worship—8:30am in-person  
Message: *Waiting With Eyes Wide Open*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette  
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
Congregational Meeting—9:45am  
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed
- † **Tuesday, November 14**  
Kitchen Guild—9:30am  
Esther Circle—1pm
- † **Wednesday, November 15**  
Priscilla Circle—9:30am  
Card Crafters Group—1pm  
Youth Music Program—4:45pm  
Church Family Dinner—5:30pm  
Youth Group—6pm  
Adult Bible Study—6:30pm
- † **Thursday, November 16**  
Jubilate Deo—6pm  
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Saturday, November 18**  
Ruth Circle—10am  
Thomas Kluck Memorial Service—2pm
- † **Sunday, November 19**  
**Instrumental Sunday**  
Worship—8:30am in-person  
Message: *Under the Palm of Deborah*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette  
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed

Church Family  
**DINNER**

Wednesday  
November  
15  
5:30 p.m.

Brought lovingly  
by the Board of Deacons

## Call to Meeting

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, November 12 at 9:45am for the purpose of electing officers for the Classes of 2025 & 2026. Included on the slate of candidates is:

For the position of *Elder (Class of 2025)*:

**Karen Sessler**

For the position of *Elder (Class of 2026)*:

**Katie Lenn**

**Dee Tiedeman**

For the position of *Deacon (Class of 2025)*:

**Jeff Remfert**

For the position of *Deacon (Class of 2026)*:

**Lee Afdahl**

**Lynette Fay**

**Sandy Everett**

**Jan Hosier**

For the *Endowment Committee (Member at Large)*:

**Karen Sessler**

*Nominating Committee (Member at Large)*:

**Margie Schaaf**

Nominations will be accepted from the floor providing the person has given permission for their name to appear on the ballot.



## Congratulations



To the following students receiving their Bibles this morning:

Savannah Boswell

Kinley Folkens

Joy Clements

Brooklyn Kaslow

Kennedy Folkens

Asa Van Buren





## Birthdays...

### 12 November

◇ Christian Hann & Carol Shaffer

### 13 November

◇ Joseph Gyura

### 14 November

◇ Lucy Schmidt

### 15 November

◇ Terri Vrtiska

### 16 November

◇ Gus Erickson

### 18 November

◇ Christi Buchan, Dwight Jones & Jacob Wobig

## Preparing for Advent

### Mark your calendars!



Due to conflicts on Saturday mornings, we will be **decorating for Advent** on **Thursday, November 30**, at **9:30am**. Realizing that students and employees will be busy, we hope you will come that day and help. We DO APPRECIATE it. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

*Sally Brooks and Bev Lewis*



Help make someone's day a little bit brighter by contributing to the **Christmas Poinsettia Fund**. The plants will be displayed in various areas around the church during Advent and will be taken to a Deacon C.A.R.E. member before Christmas.

*Judy Felten, Chancel Guild*

## Anniversaries

### 18 November

♥ Roger & Denise Ring

## Youth & Family Ministries Position Posted

We have posted the job description for a part-time Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator. You can find the job description and an application on our website or by following the QR link below. If you know of someone who might be interested in working with kids and young people, please feel free to pass it along.



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor  
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist  
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus  
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager  
Jesse Copley, Custodian  
Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager  
Sarah A. Stender, Music Associate  
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players bands  
Paul Herr, Security  
Margie Schaaf, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 10am;  
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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