

First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day
November 19, 2023
Ordinary Time**

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude

(8:30 a.m.)

Prelude from *Triptych for Organ*

Craig Phillips

(11:00 a.m.)

Prayer of St. Gregory

Alan Hovhaness

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.) Judy Felten

(11:00 a.m.) Mary Huie

To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

Have mercy on us!

God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

Hear us when we call!

From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

We will magnify your holy name!

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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Call to Reconciliation

As children of God, we come to God in our joys, in our sorrows, in our fears, and in our guilt. Knowing that God loves us and embraces us, let us bring our confessions to God.

Prayer of Confession

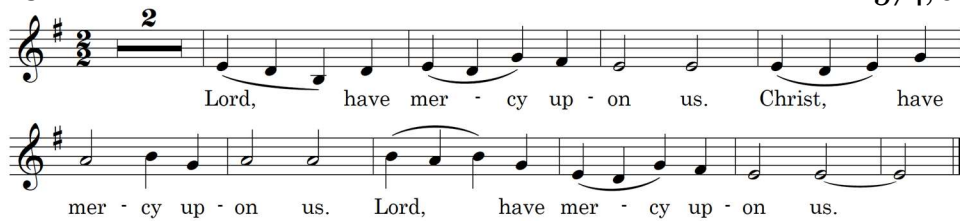
God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all you have given. Forgive us, and help us to grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to you. 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.

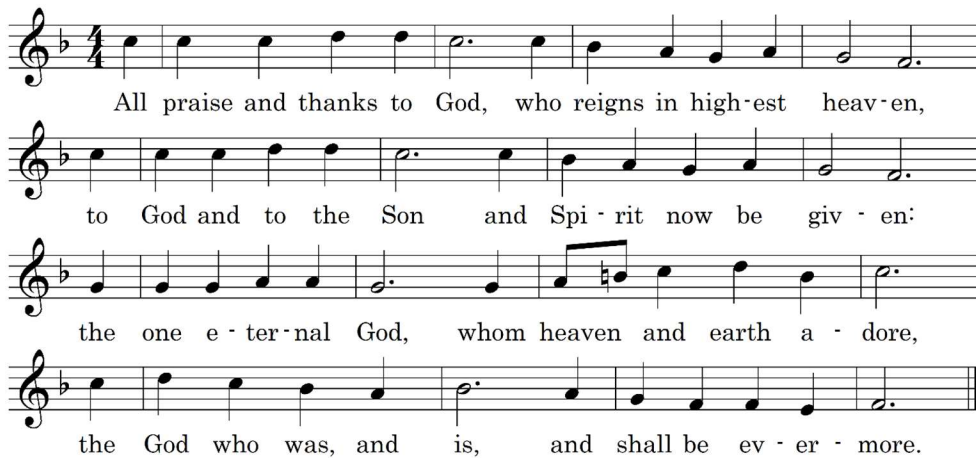
Words of Life

God has destined us not for wrath, but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that we may live with him.

Praise be to Christ! Alleluia!

◆ 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.

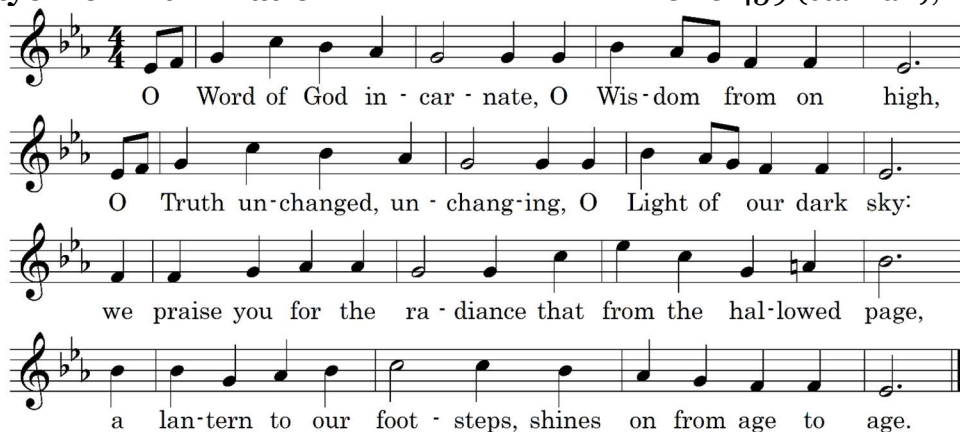
And also with you.

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 Gospels

Matthew 25:14-30

Acclamation of Praise

Ronald Nelson



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Reading from the Old Testament

Judges 4:1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Under the Palm of Deborah

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

♦ **Hymn 687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

♦ **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.

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

God of grace ...

Hear our prayer.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

(8:30 a.m.) Trumpet Tune on "O Worship the King" Franklin Ashdown

(11:00 a.m.) Chorale No. 1: LYONS

J.M. Haydn, arr. James Swearingen

Offertory Response (Hymn 608)

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Musical notation for the Offertory Response (Hymn 608) in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. We wait in hope for the coming of your realm and offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 41** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! LYONS

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude Jubilate Tonje Hernes

The flowers are given for the Glory of God
in memory of Linda Stoner by James & Sandra Walker.

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Please see the *Stained Glass Window* for a full list of church activities.

Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of November 19, 2023



This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, November 19**
Worship—8:30am in-person
Message: *Under the Palm of Deborah*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma meets
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed
- † **Thursday, November 23**
Happy Thanksgiving!
The church office is closed.
- † **Friday, November 24**
The church office is closed.
- † **Sunday, November 26**
Worship—8:30am in-person
Message: *Come listen to a story
'bout a man named Henry*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma meets
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed

The "Come Ye All!" Band Instrument Sunday

Today we welcome the "Come Ye All" band to our worship service under the direction of Janine Yanisch.

- Flute:** Carolyn Beck, Lynette Fay, Adelyn Juskewitch & Bo Fenner
- Oboe:** Edra Clements
- Clarinet:** Karin Braun, Sarah Locher & Leila Behfar
- Alto Sax:** Katie Kuisle, Jay Van Buren & Janine Yanisch
- Tenor Sax:** Joy Lory
- Trumpet:** Lettie Eckberg, Peter Thedens, Charmian Van Buren, Ellis Workman & Honor Woodrough
- Trombone:** Toby Atkielski & Tyler Van Buren
- Tuba:** Ransom Woodrough
- Percussion:** Jonas Braun, Matthew Braun, Asa Van Buren & Katie Van Buren
- Violin:** Dwight Jennings & Julie Workman
- Cello:** Kay Tate
- Accordion:** Lea Jennings

Thank you for participating in today's service to the **Glory of God!**

Officers Elected at Congregational Meeting

Congratulation to the following officers elected to the Classes of 2025 & 2026 last Sunday.

Elder *Class of 2025*
Karen Sessler

Deacon *Class of 2025*
Jeff Remfert

Elder *Class of 2026*
Katie Lenn & Dee Tiedemann

Deacon *Class of 2026*
Lee Afdahl, Sandy Everett, Lynette Fay & Jan Hosier

Endowment Committee (*Member at Large*): **Karen Sessler**
Nominating Committee (*Member at Large*): **Margie Schaaf**

Our hearty thanks goes to the *Nominating Committee* consisting of:
Lindsay Zetzsche, Bev Salomonsen, Marcia Dollerschell, Dwight Jennings, Lea Jennings, Katie Lenn and Margie Schaaf.

Church



Family

Birthdays...

Anniversaries

19 November

◆ Landon Eckhoff & Kennedy Folkens

20 November

◆ Carol Cook, John Griffith,
Susie McClocklin & Elizabeth Remfert

21 November

◆ Laura Irvin, Holly Kuisle &
Kristin Sorenson

22 November

◆ Rita Bertsch & Sara Kluck

24 November

◆ Reese McEvoy, Laura Pedelty &
Phil Wintheiser

25 November

◆ Aria Grabow, Ann Nielsen &
Paula Suffrins

22 November

♥ Mary & Les Huie

24 November

♥ Jim & Marian Dyck

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.

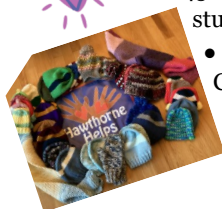
Sally Brooks and Bev Lewis



A Note of Thanks

Due to the generosity of many, including the members of our prayer shawl group, on Halloween, *Hawthorne Helps* was prepared to provide a total of 550 winter items:

- Two each to 160 students;
- 45 items to HEC's family literacy students; &
- 40 items to patients at Community Health Services.
- 145 more items will go to HEC students in the future.



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



Youth & Family Ministries Position Posted

Find the job description and an application for a part-time Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator on our website or by following the QR link to the right.



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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