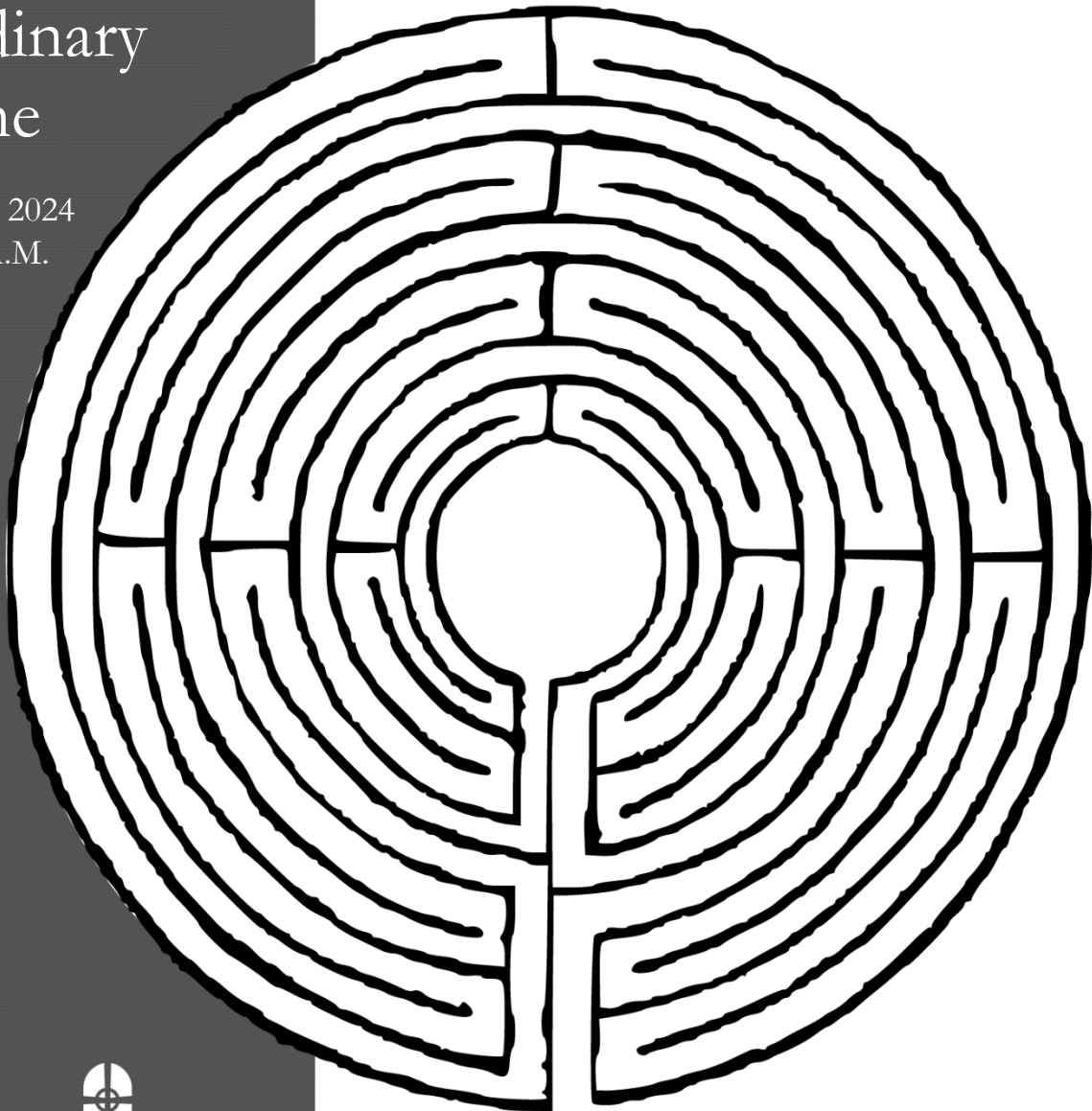


Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024
10:30 A.M.



FIRST
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CHURCH

The **labyrinth** is similar to a maze, but has no wrong paths. Its center with radiating circles reflects the basic shape taken by much of God's creation, from the solar system down to the atom. Many use the labyrinth as a form of prayer and meditation by walking the path or tracing with a pencil or finger. Our own church grounds include a labyrinth for contemplation near the Prayer Garden.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We will give thanks to God, joining all creation in voicing our praise.

All that live and all that exist join in thanksgiving.

We will speak of your glory and tell of your power.

Our worship will celebrate the Lord's mighty deeds and God's glorious splendor.

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, you protect all who trust in you. Without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Multiply your mercy here, so that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may live our days with an eye toward all things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 353

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with us all, now and wherever we go.

Children may return to sit with their families.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The Lord does justice; the Lord is kind. The Lord is near to all who call out. Now let us call on the Lord in truth. Seeking reconciliation, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you uphold those who are falling; you raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore, we confess our sins—both those things we have done and things left undone—in full confidence that you will open your hand as you always have, and embrace us in your forgiveness, as you continually desire to do. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As water falls from the sky as rain, God's merciful love falls to us from this baptismal water. Remember your baptism and be thankful!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

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.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love.
Let us love one another! And let us be at peace.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 188)

JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain:

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." *Refrain***

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, let your Word speak and may we comprehend! With all your people in every time and place, show us the length and width, the height and depth of Jesus' love and the fullness of life you offer us. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 6:1-21 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. **The King of endless glory.**

SERMON

Rev. Marilyn Ericksen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

God blesses and judges God's people. The Lord's care sustained the people of Israel. God gave them a land where they could celebrate his goodness. The Lord established their kingdom and promised a ruler from the line of David to reign in justice and peace. We declare God's goodness and justice. God has blessed us beyond our deserving. When we forget the Lord and worship our possessions, when we fail to deal justly with the poor, when we seek security no matter what it costs others, we can expect God's judgment upon us. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Because a child shared his bread and fish, a multitude ate their fill. Let us share what has been given to us. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Emily Malone, Soloist

Lowry/Blumenkrantz

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung by all:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!**

The prayer continues.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the table we have been blessed and fed. Thank you, O Lord, for strengthening us and for working your Spirit deeply and gently within us. May we respond in sound and graceful ways to these gifts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Marilyn Ericksen*

Liturgist: *Jerry Price*

Communion Servers: *Patti Price & Glenda Price*

You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at fpcobky.com/give
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawals



Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year (through June)

Income: \$198,175.16

Expense: \$239,755.64

Balance: -\$41,580.48

Month of July (to date)

Income: \$54,482.34

Expense: \$25,418.85

Balance: \$29,063.49

Week Ending July 27

Income: \$25,780.49

Expense: \$ 8,834.63

Balance:- \$16,945.86

Want to help? Please keep your giving current, and if you are able, increase what you give to our church and the ministry we share.

The Life of the Church

Promotion Sunday is coming up on August 11! This is the day we kick off our fall programming. At 9:30am, you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for a breakfast and to learn more about the faith formation opportunities that we offer at FPC. During worship, we will do a back-to-school blessing for students, teachers, and families. Youth group will have its first meeting for the year that evening at 5pm.

Save the date: Sunday, September 29th, the 24th annual FPC Golf Scramble beginning at 12:10 PM. Dinner to follow at Old Hickory. More details to come.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 10 AM – 4 PM

The annual Owensboro Multicultural Festival is one of the signature ministries of our church and is a fantastic opportunity to share the welcome of God as thousands of people come to our grounds to celebrate the diversity of our community. There are many ways to be involved!

Yard Signs: Pick up signs in the main hallway for your home and/or place of business. These are a great way to help us spread the word.



Social Media: Follow @OwensboroMulticulturalFestival on Facebook and share our posts.

Volunteer: Sign up sheets will be available next Sunday. We need volunteers to help with set up and tear down, staffing the welcome booths, serving refreshments, and more.

Work Day: Our beautiful grounds need a little sprucing up. There are sticks to be picked up, weeds to be pulled, dead bushes to be removed, and the list keeps going. Meet on Saturday, August 3rd at 9:00 AM. All ages are welcome.



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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