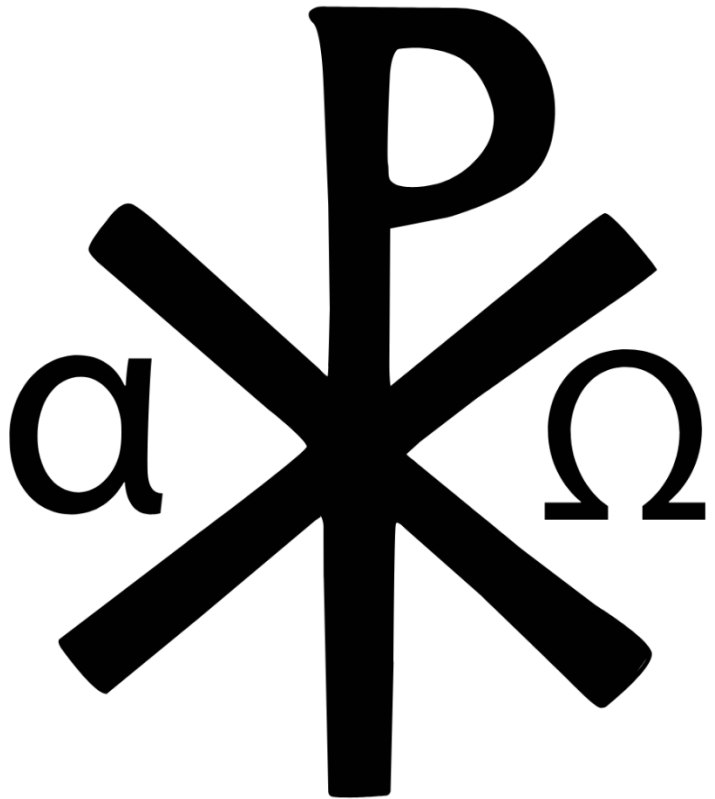


Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
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The Chi-Rho is a monogram for the Greek word ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ, which means "Christ," or "anointed one." This symbol began being adopted by Christians around the 3rd century. Here, it is combined with the alpha and omega characters, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, symbolizing Christ being the beginning and end (Revelation 22:13).

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Non nobis, Domine

William Byrd

Not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be the glory.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 1

We want Christ to win us over, and to reign in our lives.

But we misunderstand winning and reigning.

God's ways are not our ways; God's thoughts are not our thoughts.

In our worship, God will close the gap.

In our worship, O God, move us closer.

Fill us with your love. Show us how to be generous. Teach us to practice grace.

What is winning, and what is reigning? Show us!

Win us to Christ. Reign in our lives. We worship you now.

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God reconciles. God rebuilds. God makes New Beginnings. In hope and faith we confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, open the way for us to be better. Lift the confusions that keep us from your truth. Take down distractions. Let us empty ourselves and become full of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Kyrie” from Mass for 3 Voices

William Byrd

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison (ancient Greek): Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The way to freedom passes through blessed water. Remember your baptism and be thankful!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 583)

GLORIA (TAIZE)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

By God's grace and under his mercy let us love one another. The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 435)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.
May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary for Kids' Kirk. They will return before communion.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (N.T. p. 205)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*Matthew 25:14-30 (N.T. p. 28)

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice before God. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

What Does the Lord Require?

Eric Nelson

*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.**

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. Gluten free elements are available on the small plate near the baptismal font. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

COMMUNION MOTET

According to thy Gracious Word

Mozart, arr. Schweizer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Communion Servers: *Mary Lou Taylor & Deanna Wehrung*

Kids' Kirk: *Susan Godthaab*

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 withdrawal



The Life of the Church

The FPC Golf Scramble will be held today beginning at 12:10 P.M. with dinner to follow at Old Hickory.

A Fall Study on Poverty will be held on Monday evenings, October 14-November 25 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. in the Gardenside Parlor. We will be looking at poverty from a variety of perspectives and exploring how we are called to respond to poverty as followers of Christ. We will be guided by the story of Charles Strobel, the founder of Nashville's Room In The Inn program, as found in his newly-released posthumous memoir, *The Kingdom of the Poor*. Jeff Moles, who served on the staff of Room In The Inn for 13 years before moving to Owensboro, will lead this study. **Oct. 14:** A Crisis of Death: Poverty in America; **Oct. 21:** How Much is Enough?: The Opposite of Poverty is Justice (Readings: Foreword, Prologue, and Part I); **Oct. 28:** The Anawim: God's Favored People (Reading: Part II); (No class on November 4); **Nov. 11:** Room In The Inn: The Healing Power of Community (Readings: Parts III and IV); **Nov. 18:** The Power of Forgiveness: Building a New Way (Reading: Part V); **Nov. 25:** Pick Up The Burden: How Then Shall We Live? (Reading: Part VI and Epilogue)

PrimeTimers will meet next Tuesday, October 15th, at 10:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Please let Marsha Nash or Sasha know if you are interested in attending.

Let's Talk About It! The session would like to have a time to share our feelings and dreas for our church. Please bring a dish and join us for dinner at 5 PM on Sunday, October 20th. Drinks will be provided.

The annual FPC Fall Festival, Trunk ot Treat, Chili Cookoff, & Blessing of the Pets will take place on Sunday, October 27th. We will kick off the evening with Blessing of the Pets at 4 PM, followed by Trunk or Treating. Our chili cook off and other festivities will begin at 5 PM in the fellowship hall. Watch for more information to come.

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

Year (through August)	Month of Sept (to date)	Week Ending Sept 21	Week Ending Sept 27
Income: \$328,367.40*	Income: \$35,975.20	Income: \$ 4,353.98	Income: \$18,252.06
<u>Expense: \$358,625.08</u>	<u>Expense: \$38,367.85</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 8,360.02</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 5,010.50</u>
Balance: -\$30,257.68	Balance: -\$ 2,392.65	Balance: -\$ 4,006.04	Balance: \$13,241.56

*This includes \$20,000.00 from Permanent Funds

Want to help? If you are writing or renewing your will, please remember the church.



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