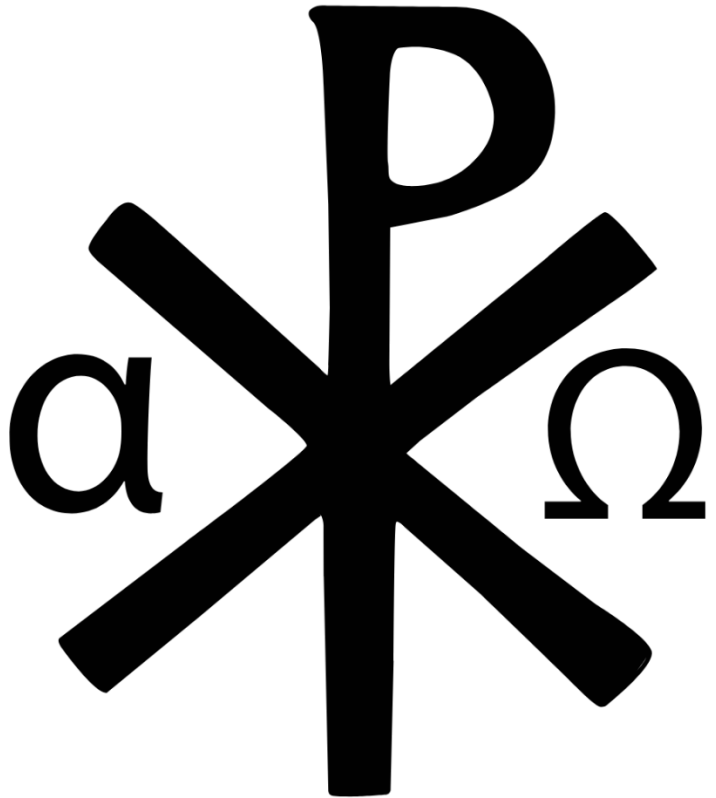


# Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 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

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## THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY                  Improvisation on *Wondrous Love*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT                                  *This is the Day*                                  Donald Moore

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                                  From Psalm 1

This is the feast of victory for our God.

**Alleluia!**

Blessing, honor, glory and might belong to God, and to the Christ.

**For Christ who was slain has begun to reign. Alleluia!**

**Let us worship the King!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 41                                  *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*                                  LYONS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

In hope and faith we confess our sin to God, praying to be reconciled by God's mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, give us hearts for New Beginnings. Wherever we have done wrong and separated ourselves from you, let us come home again. Let us be**

**at peace about our own missteps now, even as we walk in your ways. 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

Hear the good news! In baptism we were buried with Christ so that we could be raised to life with him. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. 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

Let us love one another. The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 734)

*Hope of the World* (vvs. 1, 4, & 5)

DONNE SECOURS

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

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

Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, and who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life, and be alert to your reigning in our lives. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 10:3-5, 16-18 (O.T. p. 493)

Here ends the Psalm. **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 727

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

\*Luke 19:13-27 (N.T. p. 82)

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

*The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee*

Jean Berger

*"The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.*

*Thou openest thine hand, and satisfies the desire of every living thing."* – Psalm 145:14-15

\*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

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

\*HYMN 513

*This Is the Feast of Victory*

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude in G Major*

JS Bach

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

### LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Linda Morris*

Communion Servers: *Tom Furlong & Pat Corkran*

Kids' Kirk: *Kim Lashbrook*

**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](http://fpcobky.com/give)
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawal



### The Life of the Church

**A Fall Study on Poverty** is being 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 as followers of Christ. We will be guided by the story of Charles Stobel, the founder of Nashville's Room In The Inn program, as found in his newly-released posthumous memoir, *The Kingdom of the Poor*.

**Oct. 21:** How Much is Enough?: The Opposite of Poverty is Justice (Readings: Foreword, Prologue, and Part I);

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

**The annual FPC Fall Festival, Trunk ot Treat, Chili Cookoff, & Blessing of the Pets** will take place on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**The session of FPC has called a congregational meeting** on Sunday, October 27, 2024, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing officers approved by the nominating committee and session.

**Deacons** class of 2027 – Marilyn Baker & Rayma Bramschrieber

**Trustees** class of 2025 – Ashley Johnson, class of 2027 – Vaughn Sanders, class of 2026 (to fulfill unexpired term) – Bill Helwig

**Session** class of 2025 1 year extension granted through COM of Presbytery to aid in transition – Don Preuss, Jerry Price, CeCe Robinson, class of 2026 (unexpired term) – Allison Bates, class of 2027 - Marilyn Ericksen

**Pastor Nominating Committee** (due to resignation) – Marna Loucks

**2025 Congregational Nominating Committee** (members-at-large) – Suzanne Guyer, Linda Kabalen, Kim Lashbrook, Marsha Nash

Nominations from the floor can be made, however, the nominee must have already said they are willing to serve.

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

<b>Year (through Sept.)</b>	<b>Month of Oct. (to date)</b>	<b>Week Ending Oct. 12</b>	<b>Week Ending Oct. 19</b>
Income: \$367,119.91*	Income: \$21,993.96	Income: \$ 6,391.80	Income: \$15,602.16
<u>Expense: \$401,320.18</u>	<u>Expense: \$27,415.14</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 8,561.23</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 8,019.79</u>
Balance: -\$34,200.27	Balance: -\$ 5,421.18	Balance: -\$ 2,169.43	Balance: \$ 7,582.37

\*This includes \$20,000.00 from Permanent Funds

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



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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