



A Choice, Lauren Wright Pittman

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 23, 2022
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning God created all things, declaring them good.

God created humanity, giving us the charge of all creation.

As God's days of creation ceased, ours began.

The gifts of God are to be used to continue God's creative work.

Let us worship, giving thanks and sharing in this task. Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of all that is, you have created a wondrous place in which to live. We give you thanks for the many gifts of life. Inspire in us the will to return to you all that we have been given: our time, talent, and resources; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

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 with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

1 John 3:2

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of the children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creative and loving God, you have searched us out and known us and all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned: we have put up walls between ourselves and you, closing our heart to your gifts. We have failed to protect and honor the gifts you have given us in creation, earth and all living things. We squander the inheritance of generations to come. We have sinned against each other: we have put up walls between ourselves and our neighbors, giving in to fear, ignorance, and arrogance. We are stained by the sin of racism and fail to respect the gifts of all your peoples. Forgive us for what we have done. Give us your blessing and help. Let us walk in your great love; through the great peacemaker, your Son, Jesus Christ.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Phil. 3:9

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 697)

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
Every power as thou shalt choose.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Chronicles 29:11-17 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 9:1-15 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Matt Curry

Six Marks of Discipleship, Part 6: *Giving Time, Talent, and Resources*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Eph. 4:12

**To the glory of God and the growth of God's peaceable realm,
we believe we are called to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
Therefore, we will participate in God's love for the world by:**

- **Praying Daily.**
- **Worshipping Weekly.**
- **Reading the Bible.**
- **Serving at and beyond First Presbyterian Church.**
- **Being in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others.**
- **Giving of our time, talent, and resources.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Ain't Got Time to Die
Tevin Vincent, Baritone

William Dawson

*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.*

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:

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 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. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Pre-packaged elements are also available in baskets for a contact-free option.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Communion Servers: *Patrick & Andi Wallace*

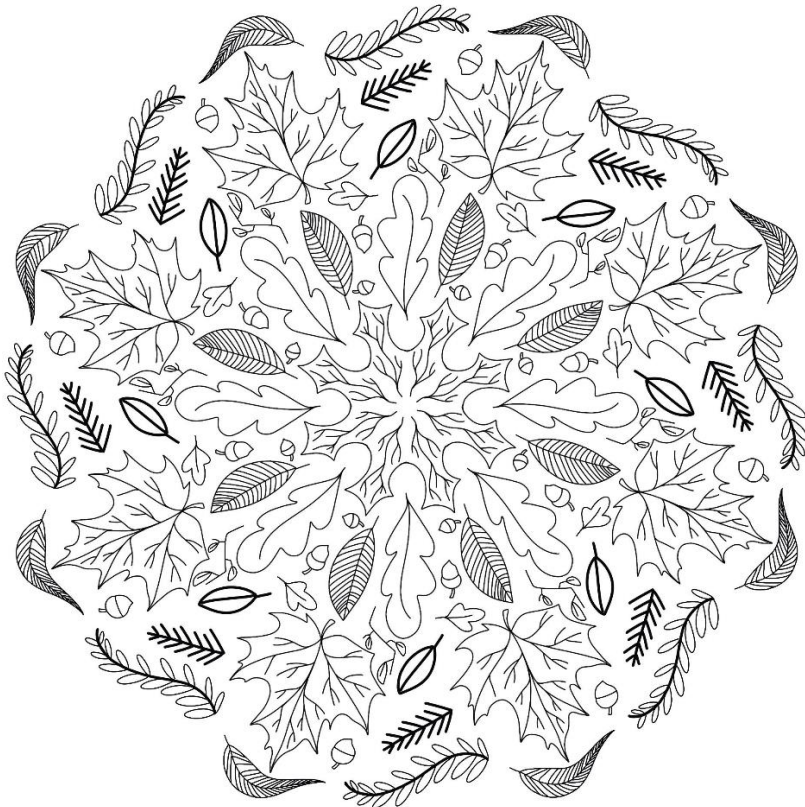
The Life of the Church

The Annual FPC Fall Festival is coming up next Sunday, October 30 from 4-6pm! Invite your friends to join us for trunk or treating, games and activities for all ages, and the return of the chili cookoff.

Wednesday Night Faith Formation continues through November 16. Dinner is served at 5:00, a brief worship time is at 5:40, and classes for all ages are from 6:00-7:00.

The adult class on Wednesday nights is studying Michael W. Foss's *Power Surge: Six Marks of Discipleship for a Changing Church*. For Wednesday, October 26, read chapters 7 and 8.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.





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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Dylan Schroader, Custodian
Emmy Voyles, Nursery Care Provider