



Flagstaff, Arizona

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 24, 2021
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

Psalm 34:3, 4, 8

O magnify the Lord with me,

Let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord and received an answer

and was delivered from all my fears.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

Happy are those who take refuge in the Holy One.

*OPENING PRAYER

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on the words of Pope Francis, October 16, 2021

You created us in your image, God. You made us human, yet we have lost our humanity. With millions dead from a pandemic, our companies seek profit over protection for all. Our wealthy institutions hold poor nations in enslaving debt. Our industries destroy forests, wetlands, and mountains, pollute rivers and seas, and poison food and people. Corporations inflate food prices and withhold bread from the hungry. Arms dealers foment violence and war. Our technology giants exploit human weakness for the sake of profit, spreading hate, falsehoods, and political manipulation. Our media feeds an unhealthy attraction to scandal, defamation, and slander. Our powerful countries use aggressive blockades, sanctions, invasions, and occupations against the weak, justifying them with noble motives and fine words.

And we are complicit, O God, in it all. Like passengers on an out-of-control train, we feel headed toward the abyss. Help us find our capacity to be human again. Call us back to life in harmony with all humanity and with all creation. Help us confront every system that leads us to hate those who are different and to profit from those who are poor. Unite us, and help us dream together of a life rooted in your love.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In a world of confusion, Jesus brings us truth. In the midst of our violence, Jesus brings peace. Into our brokenness, Jesus brings healing. Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. **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 611)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 7:23-28 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Faith of Job”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

FAITH STORY

Dennis Jewett

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Like a Mighty Wind

Karen Marriolli

*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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim your hope for this day and evermore. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 807

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

PROSPECT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Patti Price*

Communion Servers: *Glenda & Jerry Price*

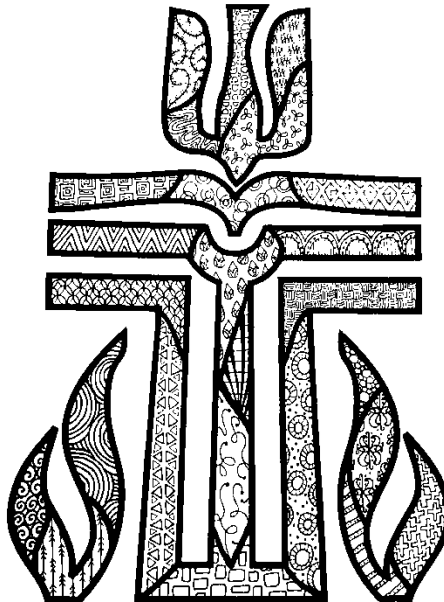
The Life of the Church

The Annual FPC Fall Festival is back! Join us this afternoon from 4:00-6:00 for food and seasonal fun. There will be trunk or treating, games, activities for all ages, and hot dogs for supper. All events will be held outdoors, so please bring a chair and dress comfortably—in costume if you'd like! Volunteers are needed to donate candy, set up a trunk or treat station, and provide prizes for the cake walk. Let Stephanie Dube know if you can help.

Fall Pastor's Bible Study continues on Zoom at 6:00pm each Wednesday. This week's discussion will focus on chapter 10 of the Gospel of Mark.

A Fall Youth Retreat is being held at Camp Pyoca in Brownstown, Indiana, and our youth are planning to attend November 19-21. More information is available from pyoca.org or through Stephanie Dube.

Faith and Film Night returns at 7:00pm on Friday, November 12 in Fellowship Hall. We will screen the 2010 documentary film *Freedom Riders*, which chronicles the story of hundreds of civil rights workers who risked their lives to challenge racial segregation. Pastor Matt will moderate a brief discussion on faith and activism and the legacy of the Freedom Riders.





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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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