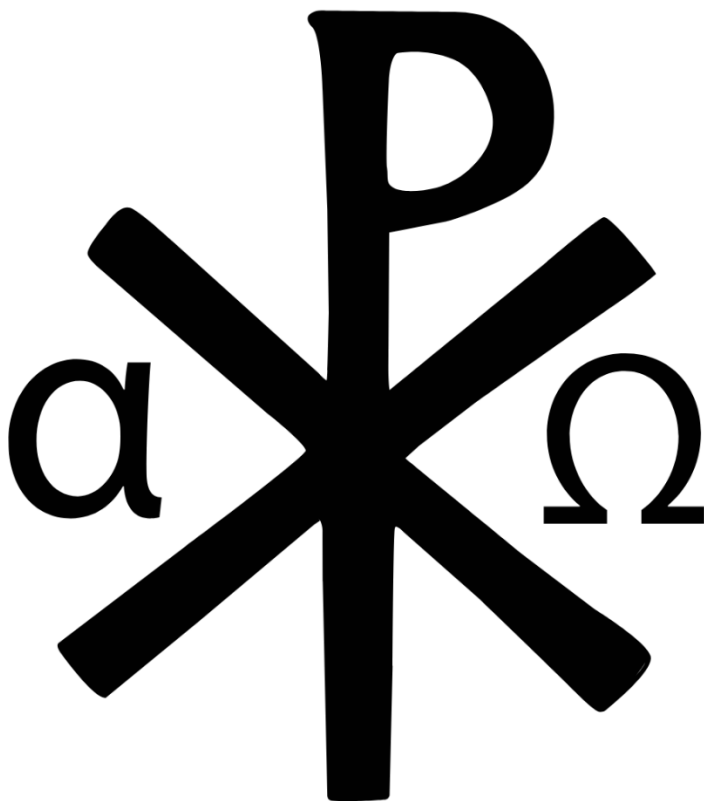


World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024
10:30 A.M.

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



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

Tuba

arr. Michael Barrett

'Look at the dove on that tree' - Traditional Xitsonga

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the land of God.

We come seeking the land of love.

Live as the people of Christ.

We gather to grow as a community of love

Follow in the ways of the Lord.

We move forward on the path of love.

Come, young and old, friend and foreigner, for all are welcome here.

We come to live and grow in the love of Christ.

Praise God for this wonderful Gift.

Let us Worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, you are our God, and we gather as your people. Gather us in, that we may remember the ties that bind us together in your love. Write your law upon our hearts, that others may find us generous and loving friends.

Strengthen us by your spirit, that we may live in love - a love that transforms our lives, even as we help to transform the lives of others. In the hope of your miraculous love, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Heb. 1:3-4, 9

We have an advocate on high: Jesus Christ,
who stooped down to save us from our sin
but rose in honor and glory to reign forever.
Therefore let us seek God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gen. 2:18-24; Mark 10:2-12

**Loving God, you created us
to live in relationship with you,
to love and serve one another,
and to care for all your creatures.
Yet, in the hardness of our hearts,
we dismiss your commandments
and seek to go our separate ways.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Redeem, restore, and re-create us,
for the sake of Christ our Savior. 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

Our spiritual ancestors passed through the sea to freedom, and through the Jordan to a promised land. So may this water have the same benefit. Remember your baptism and be thankful.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 583)

GLORIA (TAIZE)

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

God saves and reconciles. By his grace and under his mercy let us love one another,
and be at peace.

*SUNG RESPONSE(Hymn 591)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (3x)

HALLE, HALLE

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

Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors, but in these last days God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ.

Open our hearts and minds to your Word, that we may see your light. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13 (N.T. p. 175) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 499

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

RENEDEZ A DIEU

Mark 10:2-16 (N.T. p. 46) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

What's Love Got to Do With It?

Jan Albert

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Diane Bowers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from the Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we all share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As we approach the table today, we do not approach it alone. We approach it on this

World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world, in congregations large and small, speaking every language and one language. Part of our approach this morning is to remember in our offering our connection to the work of the church in every corner of God's creation. We do this using the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering, which goes to support advocacy, education, and educational outreach with communities of faith all across the globe. Truly, God has blessed us with the rich, varied, and abundant gifts of creation. From God's abundance, let us also give abundantly.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Nada me Falta

Mark Sedio

The text is taken from Psalm 23, found on page 501 of your pew Bible.

*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.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. 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:

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.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

...the one who first taught us to pray, saying:

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

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints' witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 737

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

LES PETITES SOEURS

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND AMEN

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Jan Albert, C.R.E.*

Liturgist: *Jerry Price*

Communion Servers: *Glenda Price & Patti Price*

Kids' Kirk: *Marsha Nash*

PREACHING THIS MORNING Jan Albert is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, Kentucky, but her service to the PC(USA) denomination is much broader. She has served the church in multiple roles, as a Ruling Elder, as Moderator of the Presbyterian Women's organization for the Synod of Living Waters, and as a Commissioned Ruling Elder for Ministry. Among her passions is Presbyterian Mission work. She is also a quilter.

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 Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received today, World Communion Sunday. 25% of what is collected will benefit the work of the International Center in Owensboro, with the remaining supporting peacemaking ministries of the PCUSA.

The Financial Update has been provided in PresbyNotes for this week.

The Golf Scramble has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 13th.

A Fall Study on Poverty will be held on Monday evenings, October 14-November 25 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. Jeff Moles will be leading this exploration of the inequality of our society and how we are called to respond. The class will be reading *Kingdom of the Poor: My Journey Home*, a posthumous memoir by Charles Strobel, the founder of Nashville's Room In The Inn, where Jeff spent 13 years working alongside the homeless community.

Gluten-Free Communion Elements are available on the plate next to the baptismal font.



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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