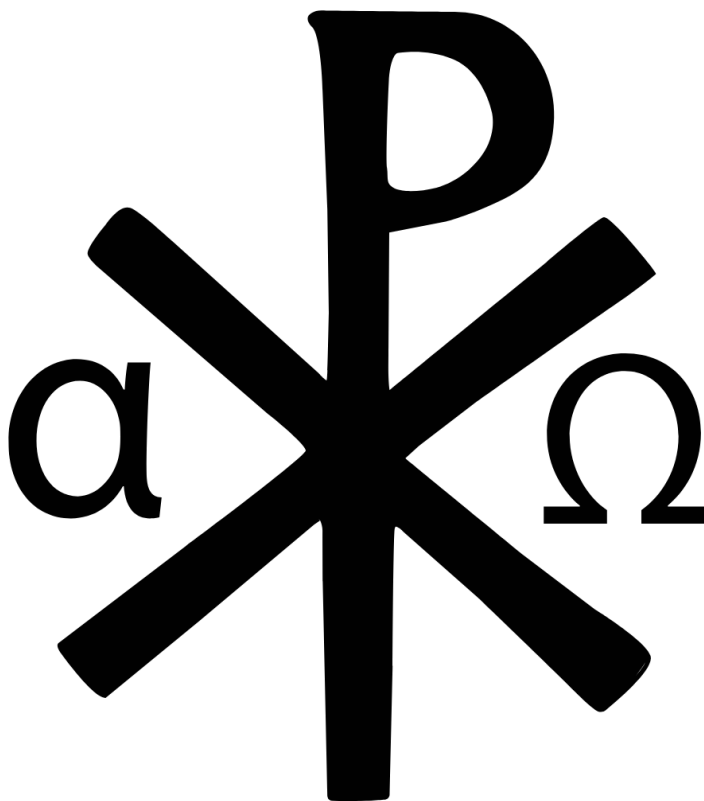


# Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 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 Dix*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

All good things come from above.

**Every perfect gift comes from God, who made the lights of heaven.**

And with God, there is no shadow of turning.

**Let us be quick to listen, O God.**

And make us doers, not hearers only.

**God's message is planted in our hearts, and it brings salvation.**

**Let us worship God.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of power and might, giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Anyone who looks closely into the law that makes us free, never forgets what they hear, but acts on it. They will find happiness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You tell us, O Lord, who abides in your presence, who may dwell on your holy hill: those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and who speak the truth from their heart.**

**And yet, O Lord, we often stumble on the path of faith.  
The truth makes us nervous, and we pretend not to know what is right.  
Have mercy, O God. Convict us by your wisdom, cleanse us by your grace,  
challenge us by your presence, and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercies of Almighty God flow like welcome streams of water. Remember your baptism and be thankful!

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

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

Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love.

**Let us love one another! And let us be at peace.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 301)

TWO OAKS

**Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard and treasured,  
taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

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

O Lord, by your Word teach us what we must do and be. We are secure in your truth, so hold us close by what you will say by your Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27

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

\*HYMN 708

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

### SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Philippians 2:5-11*

**Jesus the Lord, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!  
Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

All good things come from God, who made the lights of heaven. In thanksgiving, let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

### MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Spirit Open My Heart*  
Linda Cole, Oboe

Alfred Fedak

\*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. 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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious and loving God, you give us food and drink to sustain us in our faithful service. We are thankful now to live for you. Bless and guide us on this path. Amen.**

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER**

\*HYMN 351 *All Who Love and Serve Your City* CHARLESTOWN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Herr Gott, Dich Loben Alle Wir* J.G. Walther

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

**LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Marilyn Ericksen*

Communion Servers: *Tamara Warren & CeCe Robinson*

Kids' Kirk: *Marsha Nash*

**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

**Outreach & Evangelism Committee** meets today following worship.

**The Church Office** will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

**Spirit Lifters**, our monthly dinner fellowship group, will meet this Tuesday, September 3, at Callas. Please let Jerry Price know if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

**The Men's Sunday School Class** is holding a cookout on Thursday, September 19 at 5:00 P.M. at Bill Helwig's home (5024 Veach Rd.). All men of the church are invited and are encouraged to bring a friend. Food and drink will be provided. In case of bad weather, the cookout will be held in Fellowship Hall.

**Tacos and Trivia Night** will be held Sunday, September 22 at 5:00 PM. Plan to join us for an evening of fun together!

**The FPC Golf Scramble** will be held Sunday, September 29 beginning at 12:10 P.M. with dinner to follow at Old Hickory. Cost will be \$51 per person unless member with cart pass or volunteer which makes your price \$15. Please see PresbyNotes or Patti Price for more details.

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

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

<b>Year (through July)</b>	<b>Month of Aug (to date)</b>	<b>Week Ending August 24</b>
Income: \$290,357.33*	Income: \$26,908.82	Income: \$ 3,956.84
<u>Expense: \$329, 172.32</u>	<u>Expense: \$21,496.90</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 7,411.51</u>
Balance: -\$38,814.99	Balance: \$ 5,411.92	Balance: -\$ 3,754.67

\*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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