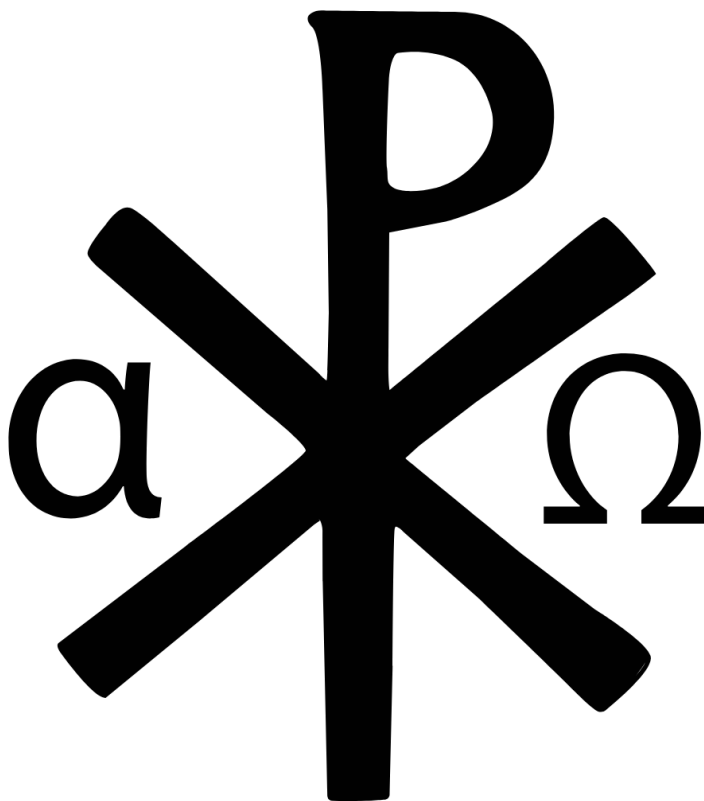


Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 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

CHORAL INTROIT

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

We rejoice and sing, glad to have tongues to declare God's glory!

Even the skies proclaim God's handiwork.

We worship in God's world: the sanctuary of creation!

Let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Great God, your ways are not our ways; your mercies are too deep to describe.

Often, in our best efforts to speak about you we find ourselves to be speechless.

Turn our lagging tongues and limited vocabularies into better tools for rejoicing today, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.. **Amen.**

*HYMN 157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God's mercy brings us to liberating waters of forgiveness and grace. Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness, even as we are made-over into fools for Christ's sake. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Kyrie” from *Communion Service in E*

Harold Darke

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison (ancient Greek): Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here are liberating waters of forgiveness and grace. 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

Sisters and brothers, let us be reconciled. Let us love one another and be at peace.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 726)

KELVINGROVE

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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, your Word enlightens and inspires. As we read and hear what you will say to us now, may your promises and your demands shine clearly. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

James 3:1-12 (N.T. p. 230)

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

*HYMN 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

*Mark 8:27-38 (N.T. p. 43) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God's superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful [people]. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

All we have and all we are comes from God. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Be Still

Karen Marrolli

*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 (Hymn 572)

Musical score for 'The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving' in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

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

God has fed us. We have strength from this food. Jesus has fed us. Refreshed at His table, we can continue the journey. The Spirit of God has fed us. We feel the Spirit's renewal. We come from the table, more ready to live in our world. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Pat Corkran*

Communion Servers: *Judy Hughes & Rayma Bramschreiber*

Kids' Kirk: *Stephanie Dube*

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 Christian Education Committee meets tomorrow, September 16th, at 10:00.

PrimeTimers, our fellowship group for adults who are 50 and up, will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 10:30 A.M. This month, we will be treated to music from local Celtic/folk music ensemble Wild Mountain Thyme!

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 P.M. 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.

Year (through August)	Month of Sept (to date)	Week Ending Sept 14
Income: \$328,367.40*	Income: \$13,369.16	Income: \$ 5,391.00
<u>Expense: \$358,625.08</u>	<u>Expense: \$24,997.33</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 2517.75</u>
Balance: -\$30,257.68	Balance: -\$11,628.17	Balance: \$2,873.25

*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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