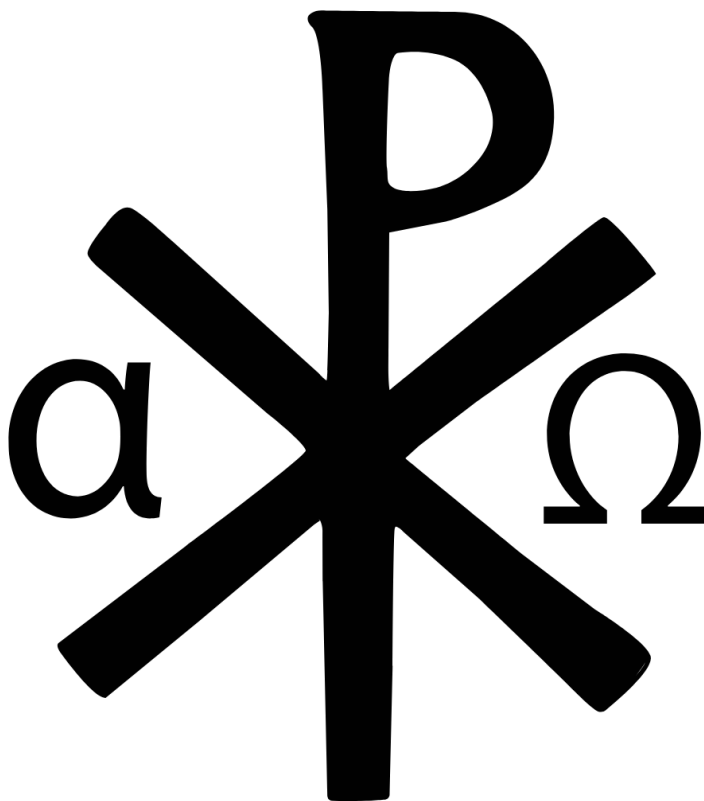


# Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 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

CHORAL INTROIT

*God Be In My Head*

John Rutter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 1

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord, and meditate on God's word day and night.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season. Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love what is heavenly; and even now, while we here, and placed among things that are passing away, to faithfully hold fast to what endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 645

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FRUEDEN ZART

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. Forgive us, we pray. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels. Help us to**

**submit ourselves to you, resist evil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 God's mercy be an example. Let us love one another,  
and be at peace.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 757)

KINGSFOLD

**God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.**

**May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1 (O.T. p. 489)                      The Psalms are Israel's songbook. **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 738                                      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*                                      MARYTON

\*Mark 9:30-37 (N.T. p. 45)                      The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### 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

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

John Ness Beck

**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:*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. 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 chords are: G, C, D7, Em, Am, Bm7, Em, F, Am Dsus, D, G, C, D7, G, G7, Am, G, Cmaj7, G Dsus, D, C, Am7, D7, Em, C, Am, Dsus, D7, G, Em, F, Dm7, G.

*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

**We are fed and refreshed. We are blessed. Our faith has this as evidence: the Lord has brought us to His table. Now we will carry what we have received into the world. Thank you, O God, for what we have been given. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

\*HYMN 320

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

WAREHAM

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Patti Price*

Communion Servers: *Deanna Wehrung & Lloyd Wehrung*

Kids' Kirk: *Linda Morris*

**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**

**The Mission Committee** meets today following worship.

**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.

<b>Year (through August)</b>	<b>Month of Sept (to date)</b>	<b>Week Ending Sept 14</b>
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: \$ 2,517.75</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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