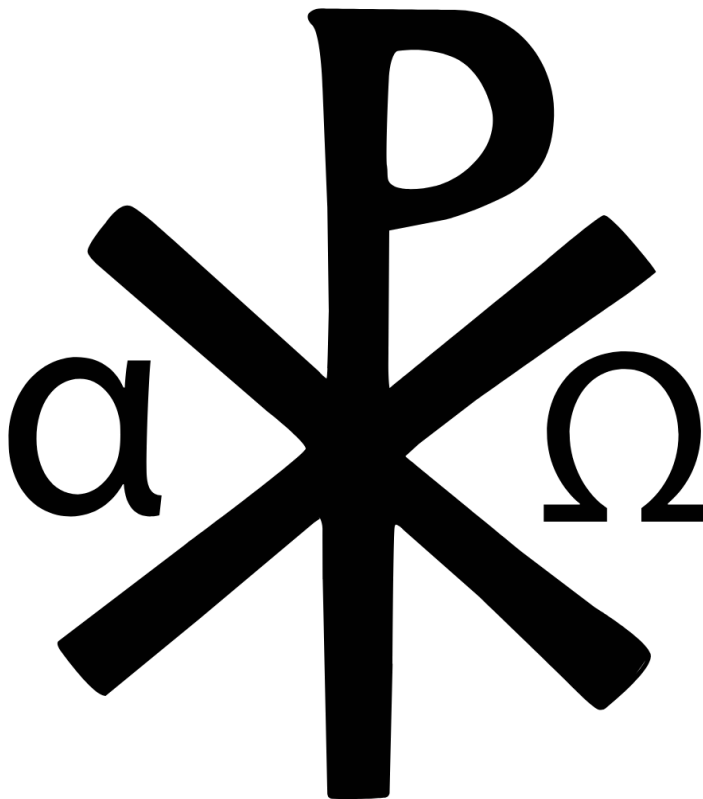


Twenty-  
Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time

September 29, 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

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## THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

*Non nobis, Domine*

William Byrd

Not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be the glory.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 1

God calls us to worship.

**It is a generous invitation.**

We feel God's presence.

**God welcomes. God celebrates with us. God is sure we belong.**

We are always thankful.

**And we will offer God our praise.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

O God, you declare yourself by your mercy and generosity. Now grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The weight of our sin is lifted by the mercies of God. God desires that we be whole people, unbroken by our failures. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, our mistakes are numerous, and our sorrow over them is destructive. We wish to be better people, and more Christian people. So, work in us the miracle of your salvation, and sustain us in the lives we live. 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

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)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory 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 817)

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.**

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

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

Psalms 49:1-8 (O.T. p. 518)      The Psalms are Israel's songbook. **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 469      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (3x)      CHILDREN PRAYING

Luke 12:13-21 (N.T. p. 74)      The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Patti Price

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Declaration of Faith*

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice before God. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*God, Thou Art Love*

Craig Courtney

If I forget, yet God remembers.  
If these hands of mine cease from their clinging,  
Yet the hands divine hold me so firmly, I cannot fall.  
And if sometimes I am too tired to call for Him to help me,  
Then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts my care.

I dare not fear since certainly I know, that I am in God's keeping  
Shielded so, from all that else would harm.  
And in the hour of stern temptation, strengthened by his power.

I tread no path in life to Him unknown.  
I lift no burden, bear no pain alone;  
My soul a calm sure hiding place has found:  
The everlasting arms my life surround, my life surround!

God thou art love! I build my faith on that.  
I know thee who has kept my path. And made light for me in the darkness  
Tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy.  
It were too strange that I should doubt thy love.

– Robert Browning

\*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.**  
*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. Usbers 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

**Food that is spiritual feeds us indeed! Thank you, loving God for filling us with a sacred meal. Let us travel on the strength of it, today and in every day to come. Thank you, O God, for what we have been given. Amen.**

### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

\*HYMN 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

### LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington* | Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*  
Communion Servers: *Mary Lou Taylor & Tom Furlong* | 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 FPC Golf Scramble** will be held today beginning at 12:10 P.M. with dinner to follow at Old Hickory.

**The Peace & Global Witness Offering** will be received next week on 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.

**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.

**SpritLifters** will meet next Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM at Colby's. Please let Jerry Price know if you are interested in attending.

**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 21</b>	<b>Week Ending Sept 27</b>
Income: \$328,367.40*	Income: \$35,975.20	Income: \$ 4,353.98	Income: \$18,252.06
<u>Expense: \$358,625.08</u>	<u>Expense: \$38,367.85</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 8,360.02</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 5,010.50</u>
Balance: -\$30,257.68	Balance: -\$ 2,392.65	Balance: -\$ 4,006.04	Balance: \$13,241.56

\*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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