



Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost October 22, 2023 10:30am Service

PRELUDE "Psalm 127" Emma Lou Diemer
Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain
Organist Linda Vollweiler
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Ken Medema
Praise and Alleluia Choir, Director Teresa Canady; Mary Plock, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rose Koepp
Praise the Lord!
To the One who breathes life into being, we return that breath in praise.
Praise God with the sounds of dancing and singing!
To the One whose holy power breaks down our easy answers, we offer our praise.
Praise God in earth and heaven!
To the One whose goodness reaches into every place, we bring our thanks and praise.
Praise the Lord!
Come, let us worship our almighty God!

*HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" 35
Sue Medsker, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Powerful God: We praise you... and we also confess that sometimes we give our praise to other powers that lay claim to our attention.

We praise you... and we also confess that we aren't sure what will happen if we give ourselves over to you and seek to follow your will for our lives.

Forgive us, God, for treating our faith like an object in our possession, to be shown off or left to gather dust until we want something. Make our praise wholehearted and genuine, make our commitment to your way rather than our own, and help us find our authentic joy in you.

We ask in the name of the One who embodies your presence among us, Jesus the Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I praise and give thanks to God with my whole being and my whole life?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103)

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward us.

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

In Jesus' name, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE AND TESTIMONY

William and Susan Oliver

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."



Scan to sign-in and let
us know you were here.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We are your people, O God-we belong to each other, and you call us into community. As we gather this day to hear your Word read and proclaimed, may we recognize the weightiness of your presence filling this place. May your Word inspire us to mirror your love and cause us to be filled with praise and gratitude. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 150

ANTHEM

“Seek and You Will Find”

Natalie Sleeth

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 6:1-5

SERMON

“Expressing our gratitude in song (and dance!)” Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“I Danced in the Morning”

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JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? *New Members: **I do***

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? *New Members: **I do***

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? *New Members: **I will, with God’s help.***

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? *New Members: **I will, with God’s help.***

Congregation, will you support these new members by reaffirming your commitment as faithful members of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? *Congregation: **We will, with God’s help!***

PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS

Gracious God, by water and the Spirit, you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in us and in these new members the covenant you made in our baptisms. Continue the good work you have begun in us. Daily increase in these new members your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Send us all forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these New Members have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him!

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

You can give this morning by putting your offering in the offering plates that will be passed through the pews during the offertory, or you can scan the QR code or give online: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

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Donation QR
Code

OFFERTORY

"Here I am, Lord"

Schutte

Praise and Alleluia Bells, Director Susan Oliver

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

How shall we thank God for the many blessings God has given to us? Shall we offer mighty songs of praise and dance? Shall we give of our abundance? Shall we again pledge our loyalty to God through lives of service and compassion? Yes, in all these things, we shall offer our praise and our gratitude to God. May these gifts help to facilitate peace and hope in a broken world. May our lives be a living song of praise and a love song of service. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

*HYMN

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

***The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!***

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Moderator”

*Handel
arr. Bish*

(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Youth Choir and Bells and a visit from the Co-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, Shavon Starling-Louis

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast
on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Clarke by family.

USHERS (Team #2) Captain– Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

ACOLYTES Charlie Stout, Jaxen Mitchell


NURSERY Rachel Guiai

GREETERS

OCTOBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
22	Jan Bolliger	Scott & Willie Kummer
29	Marnie & Doug Soderquist	Bev Rader

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MONDAY
October 23, 2023
7:00 pm

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Christmas Craft Make-and-Take Event!

**BRING YOUR FAMILY TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS
CRAFT THAT THEY CAN GIVE AS A GIFT THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON!
ENJOY A HOT CHOCOLATE BAR WHILE OUR
VOLUNTEERS HELP YOUR CHILDREN CRAFT!**

2 DEC. / 10 A.M.- 1 P.M.
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HASTINGS, NE

**CRAFTS ARE TAILORED
TOWARDS ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS, BUT FUN FOR
ALL AGES!**

FREE WILL DONATION



youth stay and serve

- 1. The Great Food Collection Challenge is On!** Costumed FPC high schoolers will be collecting non-perishable food items from you at your doorstep on October 29 between 2-6 pm. Sign up to donate food between church services or call or email the church office. This challenge has two parts: (1) Their goal is to collect at least 473 pounds of food and (2) North, South, East or West - which section of town will donate the MOST pounds and be the pride of FPC?
- 2. ELF HELP**
Need some Elf Help? High school youth will bring your holiday decorations from the basement or the attic for you on November 19th in the afternoon. These same elves will cart your boxes back where they came from on the afternoon of January 7th. Sign up to have a visit from these handy elves with the church office. You can have them visit November 19, January 7, or both!
- 3. BLANKET WITH LOVE**
The youth plan to make fleece tie blankets with at least one memory care unit in January or February.

Sunday 10/22	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 10/23	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30-6:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cornerstone Chorale & Brass	First United Methodist Church
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 10/24	10:15-11:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	Parlor
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/25	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com For the link
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 10/26	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Friday 10/27	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 10/29	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Potluck	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

First Presbyterian Church

Hanging of The Greens

Sunday, November 19
11:30am

All are welcome



SOUPER DELICIOUS POTLUCK

Sunday, October 29
Following the 10:30am service

Soup and crackers will be provided!

**Congregation is asked to bring something that
goes with soup
(breads, relishes, desserts, etc.)**

All are welcome!

Please pray for

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
family of Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Marie & Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Katharine Davis
Carter Johnson
Scott Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
family of Jim Hoffman
Carol Medsker

Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Mary Wolf
family of Julie McDougal
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Jacob Shin
Jim Boeve
family of Peter Duang
Brett Epperson and family
family of Joyce Mefford
Neil Kerr and family

Frances Kamler
Paul Nuss
Dana Odom
Mary Giesler

In memory of
Jim Hoffman, who passed
away on 8/29/2023
Julie McDougal, who passed
away on 9/27/2023
Rich Portwood, who passed
away on 10/5/2023
Joyce Mefford, who passed
away on 10/8/2023

Langenberg Lesson Applications for Fall 2023 are now available.

Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. Although grants are renewable, parents **MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**

Applications are available in the church office or by visiting the church website and are **DUE November 1, 2023.**

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Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Brett Epperson
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

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