



## First Presbyterian Church

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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God**

26th Sunday after Pentecost

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November 17, 2024

10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us give thanks to God!

**We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak,  
and hears the prayers of the forgotten.**

Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

**We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those  
who are hungry and alone at this time of year.**

Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

**We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us to love  
not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

Holy God, creator of all that is and is to come, you made the world and called it good. We thank you and praise you, for we have wreaked havoc on your good creation, yet you promise to make all things whole and live among us in joy and peace. Keep us watchful for Christ's coming, enliven our hope, and support us through the birth pangs of your new creation, that we may welcome you with songs of praise. Amen.

**\*HYMN: "O God of Every Nation" #756**

**LLANGLOFFAN**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Longing for the touch of God, we cry out; humbled by the awareness of our human nature and brokenness, we bring our prayers of confession to God, praying together,

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others, than provoked to love them. Called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.**

**Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy, so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

**Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and provoked us to love others and to serve all who are around us. Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might hear what you would say to us today. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12:1-3** God will deliver the people

<sup>1</sup>"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ALL GOD'S CHILDREN: "The 10 Best Ways to Live"**

**Responsive Psalm 16** Fullness of joy

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God,

**for in you I take refuge.**

<sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD,

**"You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

<sup>3</sup>As for the holy ones in the land,

**they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.**

<sup>4</sup>Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

**you hold my lot.**

<sup>6</sup>The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

**I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;

**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

<sup>8</sup>I keep the LORD always before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

**my body also rests secure.**

<sup>10</sup>For you do not give me up to Sheol

**or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8** The end and the coming of the Son

<sup>1</sup>As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"

<sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

<sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against

nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON: “Chaos in Community”**

**Rev. Dr. Rebecca Chaffee**

**SERMON HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #39**

**FAITHFULNESS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

**THE OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY: “Praise to God the Father” #605**

**DA N’ASE**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We who are full can now give bread to others. We who are well-off can reach out to raise up the poor. We who have everything can offer a seat of honor to those who have nothing. We who are blessed by you, Exalted God, can be blessings to others. And so we pray that the gifts we have may give hope to the despairing, give strength to the weak, and justice to the oppressed. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: “Spirit, Open My Heart” #692**

**WILD MOUNTAIN THYME**

**CHARGE**

Go forth now as God's people.

**We will go to offer joy to those in misery,  
to remember all who have been forgotten.**

Go forth now as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

**We will go to offer the best rooms of our hearts to the lonely,  
to pick up all those we have knocked down.**

Go forth now as hearts of the Spirit.

**We will go to share a double portion of grace with the empty,  
to invite others to walk the paths of faith with us.**

**BENEDICTION**

**Volunteers This Week:**

Liturgist: Bonnie Zimmer

Tech: Betsy Crocker

Usher(s): Jessica Schurr, Billy Welch

Greeter(s): Pat Loeswick

Coffee Hour:

**Volunteers Next Week 11/24/24**

Liturgist: Scott Chaffee

Tech: Betsy Crocker

Usher(s): Linda Barry

Greeter(s): Diane &amp; Bob Eshelman

Coffee Hour: Marilee Mathias

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

The prayer concerns have recently been updated. If you have a prayer request, please contact **Pastor Rebecca at 315-317-6140 or the church office at 716-692-1319.**

**CALENDAR**

Sunday, Nov 17

9:30am All Age Faith Formation (Parlor)  
 10:30 am Sunday Worship for all ages (Sanctuary)  
 11:30am Coffee Fellowship for all ages (Parlor)

Monday, Nov 18

10:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)  
 6:00pm Church Stretch  
 7:00pm Session

Tuesday, Nov 19

9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours  
 10:00am-11:30am God Loves Me Storytime

Wednesday, Nov 20

9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours  
 10:00am Circle 2.1

Thursday, Nov 21

9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours  
 10:00am Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)  
 6:00pm-8:00pm Choirs Practice

Saturday, Nov 23

10:00am Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Sunday, Nov 24

9:30am All Age Faith Formation (Parlor)  
 10:30 am Sunday Worship for all ages (Sanctuary)  
 11:30am Coffee Fellowship for all ages (Parlor)

