



First Presbyterian Church

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2024

Worship Service - 8:15
Sunday School - 9:15 - 10:00
Fellowship - 10:00-10:25
Worship Service - 10:30

Gathered as God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the red friendship pad at the end of each pew, so we will know who is worshipping with us today.

Minute for Mission Stewardship (8:15) Jack Baxter
(10:30) Janice English

Prelude Highland Cathedral arr. J. Weatherald

*Call to Worship Psalm 103

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits

One: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**Many: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

*Hymn 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

*Prayer of Adoration Jack Baxter (8:15)
Terri Flynn (10:30)

First Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-11 NT p. 197

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have touched us with your grace and awakened us by your Spirit. We are deeply grateful but confess that sometimes we don't act very grace-filled or spiritually awake. So where our familiarity with the Gospel has desensitized us to its demanding truth; where our relationship with Jesus Christ has become more nostalgic than dynamic; where our passion to be your body has grown lukewarm; send your grace and mercy. Forgive us, restore us, and strengthen us, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria 581

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, amen.***

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you.

Children's Conversation (10:30)

Acolyte Commissioning (10:30)

(Children through age five may leave the sanctuary for Children's Activity Time, and they may be picked up in the nursery after the 10:30 worship service)

Proclaiming God's Word

Anthem (10:30)

You Will I Love

Kevin Hildebrand

You will I love, my strength, my tower; you will I love, my hope, my joy; you will I love with all my power, with fervor time cannot destroy. You will I love, O Light divine, so long as life is mine.
You will I love, my life, my Savior, you are my best, my truest friend; you will I love and praise forever, for never shall your kindness end. Your love for me casts out my fear, you are my Savior dear.
I thank you, Jesus, sun from heaven, whose radiance has brought life to me; I thank you, who has richly given all that could make me glad and free. I thank you that my soul is healed with love that you revealed. Oh, keep me watchful, then, and humble, and never suffer me to stray; uphold me when my feet would stumble and keep me faithful to your way. Fill all my nature with your light, O Radiance strong and bright! You will I love, my crown of gladness, you will I love, my God and Lord, within the darkest depths of sadness, and not for hope of high reward – for your own sake, O Light divine, so long as life is mine.

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

NT pgs. 28-29

Sermon

Seven Deadly Sins: Sloth

Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

Variation on KIRKEN (Built on a Rock)

Robert Powell

*Doxology 607

OLD 100TH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*For the Next Generation
Commitment Sunday*

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn 748 (8:15)

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

(please remain standing as we sing together)

***Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.***

Postlude

Amazing Grace

Acolytes: Addy Hanvy & Vivian Sweeney

*Please stand as able

Music Notes:

Piper: Jonas Pauliukonis (10:30)

Highland Cathedral arr. J. Weatherald ©2001 Birnamwood

You Will I Love by Kevin Hildebrand ©2003 Birnamwood

*Today's anthem was chosen for its connection with Luther's ultimate insight:
grace is a free gift from a merciful God.*

Variation on KIRKEN by Robert Powell ©2016 Birnamwood

A Mighty Fortress is our God, setting by Walther ©1937 C.F. Peters

Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

- 5:30-6:00 Dinner for all - Beef Stew
Call the church office by 12pm on Tuesday to make a reservation for dinner or scan the QR Code.
- 6:00-7:00 Adult Bible Study
(K-5) FPC Chorister Rehearsal 6:00 - 6:30pm
(K-5) Bible study 6:30 - 7:00pm
(grades 6 - 12) Youth Group
- 7:00-8:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Prayer List

Jennie Grace Jewell, John Chiles, Frank Bellamy, Lorella Kuestersteffan (mother of Terry Hendrickson), Pat Junkin, Joe Kilgore, Sally Menning (friend of Martha Jones), Marie Stephens, Wanda Morris (sister of Mary McClanahan), Nancy Dick (friend of Linda Mayfield), Paul Ludwig, Will Dale, Betty Sloan, McKenzie Baxter, Sam Duncan, Ray Messick and family, Sue Chiles, Barbara Barlar (mother of Janet McAlister), Joe Pugh (brother of Ann Lewis), Bob Sweeney, Imogene Nelson, Joe Graham III, Steve, Roger, and Gary Rampley (brothers of Betty Sloan), Kristin Gwaltney (niece of Jennie Grace Jewell).

Announcements

Annual Fall Festival is today, October 27, at 4pm at the Rotary Shelter in Woodland Park. There will be a costume contest for adults and children, Trunk or Treat, chili cookoff, and inflatables. Hot dogs and an ice cream bar will be provided, and it is optional to bring a side to share. Come join the fun and invite your friends! No RSVP necessary to attend the festival.

FPC Handbell Choir - Monday, October 28, 5:30-6:30pm

Committees - will meet Tuesday, October 29, 6:00pm

J.O.Y. Fellowship is cancelled for October. Stay tuned for more information regarding November's program.

All Saints Day Prayer Service will be held on Friday, November 1, at 12pm in the chapel. Please join us as we remember and give thanks for the lives of the Christian saints who have gone before us.

Christmas program - As we approach the season of Christmas, we are excited to prepare for our Christmas program at First Pres! This special event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Savior, and we would love for you to be a part of it. Whether you enjoy singing, acting, helping with set design, costuming, or being involved in other ways, there's a place for everyone to contribute. **The first practice is at 6:30 Wednesday, November 6 immediately after the 6:00 choristers' rehearsal.** We will practice each Wednesday evening until the program on December 18 at 6:00. If you are interested in joining, please let us know by contacting Susie Baxter at sbaxterfpc@gmail.com or call 388-1985. We look forward to celebrating the true meaning of Christmas with you!

People's Table - Our next month to serve at the People's Table is November. We are looking for a team of folks willing to help coordinate cooks for each Friday of the month (except for Nov. 22 and 29). We need volunteers to help find cooks and ensure this ministry continues to thrive. Reach out to rfosterfpc@gmail.com if you are interested.

Turkey Fundraiser - The Holy Smokers will be smoking 9 to 10-pound turkey breasts to benefit FPC missions. Each breast will be \$50, and reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign-up runs through November 10, and turkeys can be picked up between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM on November 23rd. Scan QR code to reserve yours!



OCTOBER BENEVOLENCE SPOTLIGHT

Maury County Students in Crisis, is a non-profit organization founded in 2014 that provides short-term emergency assistance for transitional/homeless students in the Maury County School System. Students in crisis are those students that are homeless, meaning that they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, or are student of families in danger of being evicted because of lack of funds to pay rent or utilities. MCSIC helps families with short hotel stays, short-term rent payments, or utility bills. There is a limit to what each family can receive. To make a referral for assistance one should contact Maury County Public Schools through school counselors, the School Family Resource Center, or the Maury County Board of Education at 913-388-8403 ext. 8108 or 8107.

To learn more about how you can help MCSIC contact them at mcsit14@gmail.com or visit their website www.maurycountystudentsintransition.org

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