



First Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 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 Kick-Off Dan Garman (8:15)
Steve Lewis (10:30)

Prelude O Ring the Bells of Heaven High Sacred Harp, arr. B. Hoekje
Festive Fanfare A. Sherman

*Call to Worship

One: Come, let us worship the God of abundant grace,
who gives freely and loves unconditionally.

**Many: We come to celebrate God's generosity,
pouring out blessings beyond measure.**

One: God calls us to reflect his generosity in our own lives,
sharing what we have with open hands and hearts.

**Many: With grateful hearts, we offer our time, talents,
and treasures, knowing that all we have is a gift from God.**

One: Let us worship the One who is the source of every good gift
and who invites us to live generously.

*Hymn 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI
*Please bring forward any gifts for the 5th Sunday Hunger Offering
and place them in the basket at the front of the sanctuary.*

*Prayer of Adoration Dan Garman (8:15)
Jenny Sloan (10:30)

First Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-9 OT p. 10

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we gather today recognizing our need for your mercy and grace. We confess that we have often placed our trust in material things, rather than in your abundant provision. We acknowledge that we have withheld our time, talents, and resources, failing to share the blessings you have given us. Forgive us for our fear and hesitation to be generous, for the times we have prioritized our own needs over the needs of others. Empower us, Lord, to be good stewards of your creation, sharing freely and joyfully with those around us. In the name of Jesus, who gave everything for us, we pray. (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)

(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) How Lovely Are the Messengers Felix Mendelssohn
*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.*

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading Psalm 78:1-7 OT pgs. 537-538
Sermon The Spirituality of Giving Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 612 We Praise You, O God KREMSER

*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 Adagio from Sonata I, Op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn

*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 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn 748

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

Finale from Sonata VI, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of all of the families that make this church feel like home by Neelley and John King.

Acolytes: Ann Russell and Harrison King

*Please stand as able

Music Notes:

The FPC Handbell Choir:

O Ring the Bells of Heaven High from Sacred Harp, arr. B. Hoekje ©1986 Broadman Press;

Festive Fanfare by A, Sherman ©1988 Agape

How Lovely are the Messengers (St. Paul) by Felix Mendelssohn ©1942 Carl Fischer

Adagio from Sonata I, Op. 65 by Felix Mendelssohn ©1990 Augsburg

Finale from Sonata VI, Op. 65 by Felix Mendelssohn ©1985 Kalmus

Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

5:30-6:00 Dinner for all — Shrimp creole, salad, fresh bread. Kids menu: Pizza
Call the church office by 12pm on Tuesday to make a reservation for dinner 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

Sunday School Classes

Children	Preschool 3-5 Years Old	Room 107
	K-2nd Grade	Room 205
	3rd-5th Grade	Room 201
Youth	6th -8th Grade	Room 206
	9th-12th Grade	Room 208 (Youth Room)
Adults	Chapel Class	Chapel
	Fellowship Class	Room 204
	Young Adults	Fellowship Hall

Prayer List

Lorella Kuestersteffan (mother of Terry Hendrickson), Pat Junkin, Joe Kilgore, Missy Hamilton, 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

We welcome to the pulpit today Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller, Executive Director of the Outreach Foundation, and a friend of this congregation.

Church office will be closed on Monday, September 30.

5th Sunday Hunger Offering will be taken up during worship today. This offering goes to feed the hungry in Maury County.

Acolyte Training will take place following the 10:30 worship service today for children grades 2-6.

Men's Fellowship Cookout - Today at 5:00pm at the home of Ed Lancaster, 7253 Old Zion Road, Columbia.

Committees will meet Tuesday, October 1 at 6:00 pm

Habitat for Humanity – FPC is preparing for a Habitat build Saturday October 26.

If you would like to donate your time to this project, sign up in the Gathering Space, or contact Dan Garman at dgarman@fastmail.fm or Steve Lewis at stevelewis22@comcast.net. If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks are welcomed in the offering plate or at the church office; make checks to FPC with memo line "Habitat for Humanity".

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. 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.

SEPTEMBER BENEVOLENCE SPOTLIGHT

CASA of Maury County, Inc has a mission to support children at risk of or being placed in the foster care system by providing them with a court-appointed volunteer advocate who champions for their best interest until the child is in a safe, permanent home. First Presbyterian Church has supported this benevolence and its mission through our deacons' fund each year. If you have any questions about this ministry or wish to get involved, feel free to reach out to Andrew Hickman (Andrew.hickman@fbitn.com)

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