# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020 10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome
Prelude "Trompette Jubilante" Craig A. Penfield

Call to Worship
Come, all who hunger for good news.
***Come, all who thirst for hope and healing.***
Come, from rural road and city street.
***Come, let us gather at the King's invitation.***
Come, join the celebration.
***Let us worship God!***

Hymn 511 "Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven"

1 Come, behold! the feast of heaven Alleluia! has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia! "Come! the banquet is prepared." Alleluia!

2 All is ready, come attend Alleluia! as the Lord's invited friend; Alleluia!
come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia! celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!

3 All who trust in God belong Alleluia! at this banquet with this throng. Alleluia!
Share the mystic holy food; Alleluia! taste and see: the Lord is good. Alleluia!

4 As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia! here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia!
here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia! All who share God's feast are blessed. Alleluia!

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
***Merciful God, we confess that we are unworthy servants.***
***We have broken faith with you in thought and word and deed.***
***We are ashamed of the evil that dwells within us,***
***and we confess that our very best falls far short of your vision for us.***
***Forgive our sin, for Jesus' sake,***
***and restore us to fellowship with you and all your holy ones. Amen.***

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,

stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

A Moment with Our Children

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Sermon: "Forgot His Tuxedo" Rev. Carter

*Fall Sermon Series: The Ornery Parables of Christ*

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn 367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

Affirmation of Faith: 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.***

Offering

Offertory Duo on "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

Hymn 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

1 Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again: holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

2 Lord, make us more loving . . .

3 Lord, make us more patient . . .

4 Lord, make us more faithful . . .

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "In Christ There is no East or West" arr. Dale Wood

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***The flowers*** *this morning have been given by Janet Stansbury to the Glory of God, in memory of loved ones.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | Rev. William Carter |
| Liturgist | Heather Acker |
| Coordinator for Children and Youth Ministries | Jana Schillinger |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Usher | Mick Wirth |

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## Church Family Announcements

**We welcome all** to our worship today. **Please sign in at the Welcome Table.** (In the event of an infection, you will be contacted.)

*Our congregation intends to worship God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.*

For those of us in the sanctuary today, there are some details to review in the hope that no virus will be spread due to this gathering.

- All are required to wear face masks, sit only in designated pews, and maintain six feet of distance from people of other households.
- You may participate in the spoken segments of the service, but please do not sing.
- If you would like to visit with other worshippers, do so after exiting the building.
- At present, seating is limited to 50 people in the sanctuary, including worship leaders. Notify the church office (office@fpccs.org or 570-586-6306) by Friday noon when you plan to attend.

**Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards** are available in the pews. They may be dropped in the offering plates as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

**Can you help?** We have some interest in hosting a Trunk or Treat event for kids on Saturday, October 31, in the afternoon in one of our parking lots. Can you help? We want to offer something safe for local kids in this unusual year. If you can help plan the event, contact us as soon as possible by emailing or calling the church office (office@ fpccs.org or 570-586-6306). We can do this event if we have sufficient help. Thanks!

**Christian Education for children, youth and adults** pushes forward amid the pandemic. See below for offerings. Contact Jana Schillinger for assistance at ce@fpccs.org.

For kids and teens, we offer:

- **Grace & Faith:** children age 4 to grade 5 will have a weekly lesson from our *Growing in Grace & Gratitude* curriculum. We will post a short video, downloadable worksheets, and more at fpccsway-grace.blogspot.com for you to enjoy whenever fits best in your schedule.
- **We Believe:** youth grade 6 and up can visit fpccsway-believe.blogspot.com for a weekly post featuring a Bible passage, reflection, and questions to ponder.

For adults, you will find:

- Rev. Carter leading a **Weekly Bible study on Wednesdays**, 6:15-7:15 pm on Zoom. Each week, he will lead an exploration of the text for the upcoming sermon. The Bible study continues through October 28.
- Want to develop spiritual skills to sustain you during a pandemic? A six-week study on **Spiritual Practices** is running on Mondays through October 19. Rev. Bill will lead the conversation from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom
- Just in time for the election: Rev. Dr. Brent Eelman will lead a Zoom-based class on **Civility: A Christian Discipline**. It will meet on three Wednesdays (October 21 and 28, November 4) at 7:15 p.m. Here is Brent's description: *Has our society become uncivil? Have we become so polarized that discourse over political, social, economic, and scientific issues quickly become shouting matches and filled with ad hominem attacks? This 3-session discussion will examine the roots of our incivility and ways that the church and its memberships can be advocates for civil discourse and debate.*

***Additional information can be found in the monthly newsletter and on our website, fpccs.org***

## This Week at a Glance

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| **Today** | | |
| 10:00AM | ***** Morning Worship | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 | ***** New Member Conversation with Rev. Carter | Fellowship Hall |
| | *(This conversation is face-to-face, with masks and socially-distant seating.)* | |
| **Monday, October 12** | **Church Office is closed.** | |
| 7:00-8:00PM | **(Z)** A study on **Spiritual Practices.** Each week, download and read an article from "Light from the Hill." Rev. Bill will lead a conversation each Monday through October 19. | **ZOOM** |
| **Tuesday, October 13** | | |
| 10:00 AM | * MBK Quilts | Fellowship Hall |
| **Wednesday, October 14** | | |
| 5:30 PM | **(Z)** BoomWhackers | Sanctuary |
| 6:15-7:15 | **(Z)** Rev. Carter will lead an exploration of the text for the upcoming sermon. | **ZOOM** |
| 7:00 | * Bell choir rehearsal | Room 206 |
| **Thursday, October 15** | | |
| 8:30 AM | * Men's Breakfast | Fellowship Hall |
| **Friday, October 16** | | |
| 9:30 AM | * Immerse Study Group - Poets | Room 206 |
| **Saturday, October 17** | | |
| **Sunday, October 18** | | |
| 10:00AM | ***** Worship<br>**Please reserve your seat:** office@fpccs.org or 570-586-6306. | Sanctuary |

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***** denotes gathering is face-to-face, with masks and socially-distant seating.

**(Z)** denotes gathering is online using ZOOM. Check website or call office for the link.

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