

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Variations”

Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name.

***Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.***

Sing to the Lord, sing praises.

***Speak of all God's marvelous works.***

Hymn 260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone!

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne. As

within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

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 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of

you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### A Moment with Our Children

#### Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:28-32

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Sermon: “Two Disobedient Sons”

*Fall Sermon Series: The Ornerly Parables of Christ*

Rev. Carter

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

#### Hymn 265

#### “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

#### 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.*

Minute for Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offering

Offertory

“Prelude in C minor for Lute”

J.S. Bach (BWV 999)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

Hymn 766

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

1 The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found there can the church be known.

2 True faith will open up the door and step into the street.  
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

3 True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.  
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

4 If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,  
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.

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Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Gordon Young

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## **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Liturgist	Nancy Post
Coordinator for Children and Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck

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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](mailto:office@fpccs.org) or 570-586-6306) by Friday noon when you plan to attend.

The Session has called a **congregational meeting for Sunday, October 4**, immediately after the worship service. The purpose of the special meeting is to elect officers and approve revised by-laws.

**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.

**St. Francis Clothing Center** is not receiving clothing at this time due to virus concerns. Please hold your clothing donations until a later date, or deposit in road-side collection boxes.

## This Week at a Glance

### Today

10:00AM	* Morning Worship	Sanctuary
11:00	* Led by Chris Norton, a conversation on the book, <b>“The Second Mountain: The Quest of a Moral Life.”</b> <i>(For those not interested in using ZOOM, this conversation is face-to-face, with masks and socially-distant seating.)</i>	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	Organ Recital (from Friday night) will be streamed on Youtube.	

### Monday, September 28

7:00-8:00PM	<b>(Z)</b> A study on <b>Spiritual Practices</b> . Each week, download and read an article from “Light from the Hill.” Rev. Bill will lead a conversation each Monday through October 19.	<b>ZOOM</b>
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### Tuesday, September 29

### Wednesday, September 30

5:30 PM	<b>(Z)</b> BoomWhackers	<b>ZOOM</b>
6:15-7:15PM	<b>(Z)</b> Rev. Carter will lead an exploration of the text for the upcoming sermon.	<b>ZOOM</b>

### Thursday, October 1

8:30 AM	* Men’s Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	<b>(Z)</b> Christian Ed.	<b>ZOOM</b>

### Friday, October 2

### Saturday, October 3

### Sunday, October 4

10:00AM	<b>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> * Worship <b>Please reserve your seat: <a href="mailto:office@fpccs.org">office@fpccs.org</a> or 570-586-6306.</b> Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary Sanctuary
11:00	* <b>“The Second Mountain: The Quest of a Moral Life.”</b>	Fellowship Hall

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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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