

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Sonate Op. 31 Nr. 3, 3rd Movement: Menuetto" Ludwig van Beethoven

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to live abundant and generous lives.

Forgive us for the ways we have allowed our souls to be twisted out of shape.

We trust too much in our own abilities, leaving no room for your grace.

We push ahead of our neighbors, pursuing our needs before theirs.

We exclude those you love whom we deem insignificant.

We spend our affluence to separate, rather than build relationships.

We use our power to dominate, rather than to heal and empower.

Have mercy on us.

Set us free from our worst impulses,

that we might find our lives by following you.

We pray in the name of Jesus

who has given his life for us and for all.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (OT, p. 471)

Psalter: Psalm 22:1-11, 22-29

Refrain 1: **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

Refrain 2: **When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down...**

Refrain 3: **To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.**

Refrain 4: **And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!**

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Mark 10:17-31 (NT, p. 48)

Sermon: "If I Were a Rich Man"

Fall Series: How Shall We Reconstitute the Church?

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 697 "Take My Life"

* 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

"Herberge from Waldszenen Op. 82"

Robert Schumann

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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Polonaise in A Major Op. 40 Nr. 1"

Frédéric Chopin

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill Carter on "Clergy Appreciation Day" by Nancy Owens.

Out of concern for one another, we ask that masks be worn throughout the service.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Myrna Diven
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Pianist	Nathaniel Worrell
Ushers	Bill Farrell, Barbara Norton

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Worship is Getting "Closer to Normal"

Our leadership continues to encourage us to wear masks during worship. We welcome to in-person worship all who have been fully vaccinated, all children who attend school, as well as all children whose parents have been fully vaccinated.

- Mask-wearing and temperature checks will continue to occur until further notice.
- You are welcome, and invited, to sing . . . *while wearing your mask*.
- Reservations continue to be requested. However, we do have more flexibility now. If you forget to reserve a spot, you may still attend.

Church Family Announcements

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Have you had your vaccines?** [Make a reservation with our office](#) (570-586-6306) and join us in person at 10:00 a.m.
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

The sanctuary is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

The W.A.Y. meets each Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. Education and Music for All God's People

The Christian Education committee is excited to offer **in person classes** for the WAY this fall. As we continue to find “normal” and with caution regarding continuing COVID concerns, we will hold a simplified program that begins at 6:15. *We hope to see you there!* **Yes, masks continue to be worn for safety.**



Grace & Faith & Music (4 years old - Grade 5): Join us for a **combined music and CE** class! *Make a joyful noise to the Lord as you grow in grace and faith!* **Meets in Room 108.**

We Believe (Grades 6 and up): Our older students are exploring a unit called *Knowing God*. **Meets in Room 209.**

Adults: Mark's Clueless Disciples: We continue to learn more about the disciples' foibles and follies sequentially through Mark's 16 chapters, hoping to get to know them, ourselves, and Jesus all the better. **Meets in Room 206.**

Adult Choir - Wednesdays - 7:15-8:15: Our adult choir program has resumed. Students in 9th Grade to adults are welcome. Don't have much of a music reading ability? Don't worry; our singers support one another in and out of the church. **Meets in the sanctuary.**



Bell Choir – Wednesdays - 8:30-9:15: The Bell Choir is always looking for new members to ring throughout the year. Students in 9th Grade to adults are welcome. Some music reading ability is recommended as the bell choir performs some challenging music.

We are looking for morning volunteers in the office, to answer phones, welcome visitors, and assist with light office tasks (typing, proofreading, etc.). The hours are from 9 a.m. to noon, and occasionally for a few hours in the afternoon. Volunteers can work weekly, monthly, or on call. Want to get out of the house and do something meaningful? We would love to have you on the team. Free coffee and occasional donuts provided. To sign up, [send an email to Nancy](#), phone us (570-586-6306), or drop by when we are open.

Meetings this week:

Sunday, October 10	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15	Confirmation Class	Room 206
Monday, October 11		Church Office is closed.	
Tuesday, October 12	10 a.m.	MBK Quilts	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Session	Room 206
Wednesday, October 13	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6:15 p.m.	THE WAY	
		Children age 4 to Grade 5	Room 108
		Children grades 6 and up	Room 209
		Adults class	Room 206
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
	8:30 p.m.	Bell Choir	Fellowship Hall
Friday, October 15		Presbyter Deadline – forward articles to office@fpccs.org	
Sunday, October 17	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation	Room 206
	4 p.m.	Lyric Consort and Presbybop Quintet (see below)	

Music for Consolation:

The Lyric Consort and the Presbybop Quintet

Jazz requiem premieres October 17

Our first Arts at First Presbyterian concert features two well-known ensembles. The Presbybop Quintet and the Lyric Consort will premiere “Lux Aeterna” (“Eternal Light”), a new jazz requiem completed by Rev. Bill Carter during his recent sabbatical.

“The pandemic has taken so much from us,” the composer notes, “touching all other losses we have known. Drawing upon texts from scripture and the church’s prayer book, I wanted to create music of comfort and beauty to lift us through this season of our lives.”

The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. on **Sunday, October 17**, in the church sanctuary. Dr. Alan Baker will conduct the Lyric Consort in selected pieces, and the Presbybop Quintet joins them for the rest of the program for the requiem and other new compositions.

Offered as a gift to the community, the concert will be presented in person and live-streamed on YouTube (accessed through our website). It promises to be a moving afternoon and a stirring beginning to our new Arts at First Presbyterian season.



Trunk or Treat on Halloween Day

With Halloween on a Sunday, we offer a Trunk or Treat event for the children of our community. It will take place on **Sunday, October 31, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the upper parking lot on School Street. We want to offer a safe event for kids during the ongoing pandemic. Here is how you can help:



- **Spread the word!** We look forward to seeing all kids in their Halloween costumes.
- **Can you donate candy?** Last year, over 300 children showed up on short notice. We want to be ready. It will help if all candy is sorted in individual goodie bags (think "grab and go").
- **Can you help distribute candy? Or serve as a greeter?** If so, please arrive in the upper parking lot by 12:30 p.m. so we can set up together. We encourage you to decorate the back of your car (that's the "trunk" part). By all means, dress up in a costume - it's Halloween!

A team of our Deacons is heading up the event. If you can help in any way, send an e-mail to Katie Carter at kacarter10@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office (570-586-6306).

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan here.**



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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only
wise,
in light inaccessible hid from
our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great
name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and
silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou
rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high
soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both
great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true
life of all.
We blossom and flourish like
leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but
naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou
dwellst in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all
veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O
help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light
hideth thee!

Take My Life

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless
praise;
let them flow in ceaseless
praise.

2 Take my hands and let them
move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my sliver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt
choose,
every power as thou shalt
choose.

5 Take my will and make it
thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

O Jesus, I have promised

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.