

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Bless God's Holy Name”

Kenneth T. Kosche

Ariana Billiot & Connie Weiss (vocal duet)

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!

Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,

who makes and sustains all things.

* Hymn 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

* 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 38:1-7, 34-41 (OT, p. 484)

Psalter: Psalm 104, selections (Hymn 34, vv. 1, 2, 5)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Humbly I Adore You" arr. Shawn Gingrich

Second Lesson: Mark 10:46-52 (NT, p. 47)

Sermon: "Tyrants and Servants"

Rev. Carter

Fall Series: How Shall We Reconstitute the Church?

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

* 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 Stewardship

Offering

Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Roy M. Darley

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 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. J. Bert Carlson

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by JoAnn Hall.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Charles Pinches
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Bells	Richard Cochrane
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Ushers	Bill Farrell, Barbara Norton

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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.



Church Family Announcements

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

- Promise to wear a face mask? No covid-related symptoms for the past 14 days? Willing to have your temperature taken at the door? [Make a reservation with our office \(570-586-6306\)](#) and join us in person at 10:00 am.
- **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.

At Tuesday night's Session meeting, our Elders continued to discuss the best ways to ensure safety for all during the pandemic. They believe very strongly in the effectiveness of the covid-19 vaccines, and draw their inspiration from Jesus, who healed the sick and cared for the most vulnerable.

Masks are necessary for all worship services, meetings, and group events in the church building. Temperature checks will continue at church gatherings, and social distancing will be encouraged. We urge everybody to get vaccinated against covid-19.

If all of us can choose restraint and pursue public health, we have a better chance for stopping the spread of the virus and its variants. In the words of St. Paul, "Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:13-14)

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: "Jesus and the End of the World": Rev. Bill Carter leads a five-week Bible study on what Mark's Gospel (and others) teach about the end of the world. This week and next, we will dig into the enigmatic text of Mark 13. **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.**

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.

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).

Meetings this week:

Sunday, October 17	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15	Confirmation Class	Room 206
	4 p.m.	Lyric Consort and Presbybop Quintet	See announcement on page 3.
Wednesday, October 20	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
Thursday, October 21		Adults class	Room 206
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Room 206
Saturday, October 23	2 p.m.	Small Group Gathering	Fellowship Hall
	11 a.m.	Memorial Service for Fred Campbell	Sanctuary
Sunday, October 24	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation	Room 206

Our Church Officers

Elders

Rev. William Carter, moderator

Beverly Bright, clerk

Class of 2022

Barbara Decker
Dave Naehar
Chris Norton
Craig Smith
Briar Woodley

Class of 2023

Alan Baker
Jay Clymer
Tabbi Miller-Scandle
Jan Thyren
Karen White

Class of 2024

Brad Campbell
JoAnn Hall
Ginny O'Brien
Robin Pinches
Barry Shepherd

Deacons

Class of 2022

Katie Carter
Jeanne DeVirgilis
Grace Farrell
Anne Rich
Andrew Taylor

Class of 2023

Erika Henderson
Jim McLaughlin
Debbie Miller
Barbara Norton
Riley Wescott

Class of 2024

Bill Farrell
Kate Hopkins
Peter Moore
Diana Pope-Albright
Tracy Smith

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.**



I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

1 O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience, still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.