

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 7, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Allegro for Oboe and Cello”
Oboe-Connie Weiss; Cello-John Weiss

CPE Bach

Call to Worship

Fling wide the temple gates! Open up the ancient doors!

The mighty One is coming.

Who is this mighty One?

This is the Lord for whom we have waited. Let us be glad and rejoice.

* Hymn 364

"Lift Up the Gates Eternal"

* 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: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 (OT, p. 243)

Psalter: Psalm 127 (Hymnal 46)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Come be Fed" Ruth Elaine Schram and Celsie Stagers

Second Lesson: Mark 12:38-44 (NT, p. 48)

Sermon: "Generous to a Fault?"

Rev. Carter

Fall Series: How Shall We Reconstitute the Church?

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

* 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 and Dedication of Pledges

Offertory "Song Without Words Op. 19 No. 1"

Felix Mendelssohn

The Lord's Supper (Hymnal, p. 8)

The Lord's Prayer (ecumenical version)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 712 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Passacaille from Suite No. 7 HWV 432" George Frideric Handel

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Nancy Connell Hill by Ned and Sherry Connell.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	JoAnn Hall
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Pianist	Nathaniel Worrell

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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 the last 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.

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.

The Christian Education committee offers **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!*

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. **Meets in the sanctuary.**

A few more morning office volunteers are needed 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. To sign up, [send an email to Nancy](#), phone us (570-586-6306), or drop by when we are open.

Poinsettias for Christmas - Order Your Poinsettias Now.

The price is \$10.00 per plant. Checks are payable to “First Presbyterian Church.” **Deadline is November 14.**



Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of Flowers: _____ @\$10.00 each Total Amount Enclosed: _____

I will pick up my flowers _____ Please give to a shut-in _____

Dedication: In honor/In memory of _____

Holiday Angel Tree: It's time for our annual **Pajama Drive** for children in local Head Start programs! Look for tags on the Christmas tree that will soon be set up in the Narthex, All PJ's must be returned to the church, wrapped and tagged, by Monday, December 13.



Meetings this week

Sunday, November 7	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206
Tuesday, November 9	10 a.m.	MBK Quilts	Fellowship Hall
	7 p.m.	Session	Room 206
Wednesday, November 10	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209

THE WAY EDUCATION AND MUSIC FOR ALL AGES

	6:15 p.m.	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
Thursday, November 11			
Friday, November 12		Presbyter Deadline	office@fpccs.org
Saturday, November 13	9 a.m.	Highway Clean-up	CS Methodist Ch.
Sunday, November 14	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206
	4 p.m.	Arts at First Presbyterian: An After of Chamber Music (see below)	

An Afternoon of Chamber Music

Sunday, November 14 at 4 pm,

The Arts at First Presbyterian concert series will continue with an **Afternoon of Chamber Music** on **Sunday, November 14 at 4 pm**, featuring a trio of Marywood University music faculty members. Pianist Rick Hoffenberg, clarinetist Katie Morell, and cellist Christiane Appenheimer Vaida return to the church to offer two significant pieces for piano, clarinet, and cello including Johannes Brahms' Clarinet Trio in A Minor, Op. 114 and Carl Fruhling's Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano in A Minor, Op. 40.



The concert is open to the public free of charge. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray the costs of the event. For more information, call the church office at 570-586-6306. The Arts at First Presbyterian series is supported by county and state grants, but relies heavily on private contributions. Patrons can contribute by dropping a check in the weekly offering, by sending a check to the church office, or making a donation on the church's website. Be sure to specify "Arts Series" in the memo area.

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.**

