

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome and Candle Lighting

Prelude

“Sing Alleluia to the Lord”
Ariana Billiot and Connie Weiss

Terry D. Taylor

Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

They will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.
***He will send out his angels and gather his chosen ones
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.***

* Hymn 360

"Christ Is Coming!"

* 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: 1 Samuel 1:4-20 (OT, p. 244)

Psalter: Psalm 16 (Hymnal 810)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"We Are Called"

David Haas

Second Lesson: Mark 13:1-10 (NT, p. 59)

Sermon: "Preaching After The Temple Falls Down"

Rev. Carter

Fall Series: How Shall We Reconstitute the Church?

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 357

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

* 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 Organ Donation

Offering

Offertory

"Moderato"

Johann Georg Albrechtsberger

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

"God, Each Day You Give is Precious" (to Hymn 716)

God, each day you give is precious; it's a joyful thing to live!
We are stewards of the wonders of these bodies that you give.
In our heartbeats, in our breathing, in our walking, in our sight,
We are blessed to be a blessing, and your grace is our delight.

Yet when tragedy is sudden, when we're faced with pain and death,
When a body is too broken to receive another breath,
When it seems that none can cheer us, when a loved one is too ill,
In these times when death is near us, life becomes more precious still.

We are grateful for the vision of the ones who have prepared:
Who have made the firm decision that, in death, life must be shared,
For when earthly bodies fail them, as they're welcomed into heaven,
Others here will know a blessing from the life these saints have given.

God, we thank you for the families who, in saying their good-byes,
Seek to end their neighbors' suffering, giving hope and changing lives —
And for resurrection glory, we give thanks and praises, too.
Death can never end our story, for you'll make us whole and new.

We are made to make a difference, we are made to laugh and dance,
So we thank you for each person who receives a second chance.
For they know that life is precious; they can see another dawn.
They are blessed to be a blessing as the joy of life goes on.

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* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Trumpet Tune in C Major" Michael McCabe

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God

- by Janet Stansbury in loving memory of her sister, Marjorie M. Ash, and her brother, Rev. Robert E. Morgan; and
- in memory of Steuart Bailey, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, by his family.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Diane Scheuer
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck

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? **Join us in person at 10:00 am.** (Reservations are no longer necessary.)
- **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.

Our Session requires masks 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 believe in the effectiveness of the covid-19 vaccinations and 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 6:00 p.m. (note time change)

The Christian Education committee offers **in person classes** for adults. As we continue to find "normal" and with caution regarding continuing COVID concerns, we will hold a simplified program that begins at 6:00. *We hope to see you there!*

The Adult Class is "Jesus and the End of the World": Rev. Bill Carter continues 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.



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.

The church is **looking for an Audio-Visual technician.** This part-time position will support the video live-streaming and audio needs for our worship services, and will require between two and five hours each week, mostly on Sundays. Training will be provided. As Frank Jones transitions back to his work as our Director of Music, we are looking for someone who can assist him in the technical needs for our worship services. [Send a note to Rev. Bill to express an interest.](#)

Today, November 14, is the deadline for ordering Poinsettias

for Christmas. The price is \$10.00 per plant.

Checks are payable to "First Presbyterian Church."



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 _____

Additional order forms are available in the Narthex.

Next week: THANKS for GIVING

Please mark November 21 as a special day. We'll be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King, but also taking some time before the coming of Advent and year's end to reflect on the past 11 months of good work and offer one another a hearty "Thanks for Giving."

We will have a festive coffee hour. The Fellowship Hall will be decorated with a variety of table displays reminding us of all the gifts we have collectively shared this year with one another, with our community, and with the larger world—gifts of our bounty, our time and talents, and even our physical spaces.

As we move closer toward Christmas, we anticipate the Narthex will be filled with displays inviting you to close the year with a "gift to a stranger." Watch for more details.

Please plan to come downstairs following the worship service that morning to enjoy some special treats while celebrating the blessing of giving.

Last Call: The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 28. We are planning an online devotional. Want to write for it? We would need three paragraphs of reflection on a Bible text and a one-sentence prayer. If you would like to compose a devotional for it, contact Rev. Bill.

Meetings this week

Sunday, November 14	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206
	4 p.m.	Arts at First Presbyterian: <i>An Afternoon of Chamber Music</i>	
Wednesday, November 17	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6 p.m.	Adult CE class	Room 206
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday, November 18	8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Room 206
	2 p.m.	Sr. Game Group	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 21	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11 a.m.	Thanks for Giving	Fellowship Hall
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206



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.

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