

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Robert Hobby

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 649

“Amazing Grace”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,

we confess that we have tried to hide from you,

for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves,

and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors,

and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,

and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,

that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;

through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

* Response 447

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven! We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, (OT, p. 702)

Congregational Reading: Psalm 14 (OT, p. 495)

A Time with Children

Anthem "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. John Ness Beck
The congregation is invited to join in singing selected verses of Hymn 802 when cued.

Second Lesson: Luke 15:1-10 (NT, p. 78)

Sermon: "The Reckless Shepherd"

Rev. Carter

Series: Caricatures of the Kingdom

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)
Presentation of Parker Charles Wall

* 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.**

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.**

Minute for Peace and Global Witness Offering

Offering

Offertory

"Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us"

arr. Charles Callahan

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude "I Vow to Thee My Country" arr. John Behnke

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God by Chris Gilbert in loving memory of his Maternal and Paternal Grandparents.

The rose is in honor of the baptism of Parker Charles Wall. Parker is the son of Corey and Melany Wall, younger brother to Declan Wall, and grandson of Greg and Sherry Wall. Blessings and prayers to this family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Nancy Post
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Ushers	Grace Farrell and John Conklin

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Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

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

- **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.

Back by popular demand! **Large-print bulletins** are available at the rear of the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is regularly staffed by Heather Lyons.

Tell us your prayer concerns:

Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Janet, Barbara, Hall, Barry, Karen, Mike, Jan, Stephen, Taylor, Caleb, Jim, Sandy, Nancy, Ellen

Want to read the Bible with others in a supportive, non-threatening small group? We are restarting our very popular [Immerse Bible reading](#) groups. We have one volunteer convener and she's looking for others to join in. Interested? Let us know of your interest in participating by phone or email (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org).

Interested in joining a Presbyterian Women Bible Study in the fall? We will meet monthly on the third Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Carter will lead the Horizons Bible study, titled "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus." This group will take COVID-19 precautions. To reserve a book, contact the church office (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org).

Are you interested in joining this church? If yes, please let the church office know (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org).

During September, a **Season of Peace** (as designated by the national Presbyterian Church)



will be observed for four weeks from Sunday September 4th until World Communion Sunday on October 2nd. This month-long pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals.

Participants are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers through daily reflections that address some of the major issues of our time (climate change, nonviolence, the intersection of poverty and racism, and immigration/migration). To receive these daily reflections in your email during Season of Peace, subscribe at pcusa.org/subscribeSOP.

Please join us on September 24 & 25, 2022 For Worship Through Service Weekend

Our annual Worship Through Service event is a reminder that praise begins inside the church and moves outside to love our neighbors and serve our community. Our service activities will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25. **Sign-up sheets can be found on the table in the church narthex/lobby.** More information is available in the September issue of **The Presbyterian**.

- Hickory Street Presbyterian Church Community Meal – Saturday, September 24 (Alan Baker). Workers are needed to prepare the main dish (Note: if you are preparing the casserole, assemble the ingredients but DO NOT BAKE), make a dessert, serve the meal, and purchase groceries for food bags. Bring all food to the church on September 23.
- Hymn Sing at the Pines (and possibly the Gardens of Green Ridge) – Sunday, September 25 at 2:00pm (Robin Pinches).
- Collection of Personal Items for SafetyNet – items will be collected in the Narthex/lobby of the church until Sunday, September 25 (Tabbi Miller-Scandle)
- Collection of socks, scarves, gloves, hats for Clarks Summit State Hospital (Janet Dobson)
- Mowing and Cleanup of Abington Hills Cemetery – Sunday, September 25 (Jay Clymer)
- Card Writing and Assembly of “Thinking of You” Packages for Homebound Members – Sunday, September 25 - Jana Schillinger (ce@FPCCS.org)
- Assembling My Brother’s Keeper Quilts for the Homeless – Sunday, September 25, following worship (Marie Cochrane)

Check the display in the church narthex/lobby for more opportunities to serve!

If you have any questions or need a ride to an event, please contact Tabbi Miller-Scandle at (570) 470-9762.

This Week at a Glance

Today

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation Class resumes, Room 206

Tuesday, September 13

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Session, Room 206

Wednesday, September 14

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Bible Study, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 15

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men’s Breakfast, Room 206
- **2 p.m.**, Sr. Game Group, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 16

Saturday, September 17

- **12 p.m.**, FPC Book Group, Hillside Park (Bring lunch and chair)

Sunday, September 18

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15 a.m.**, Confirmation Class, Room 206

