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Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

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. **Amen.**

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Aria II from Partita II”

Georg Telemann

Connie Weiss, Oboe

John Weiss Cello

Call to Worship

Surely God is our salvation;

we will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is our strength and our might;

God has become our salvation.

* Hymn 774

“There Is Now a New Creation”

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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 21:5-19 (NT, p. 85)

Psalter: Isaiah 12 (Hymnal 71)

A Time with Children

Second Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25 (OT, p. 695)

Sermon: “Living the Dream”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 373

“O Day of Peace”

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)
Presentation of Wesley John Moore

Minute for Stewardship

Offering

Offertory

“Aria VI from Partita II”

Georg Telemann

Connie Weiss, Oboe

John Weiss Cello

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Thanksgiving 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

* Minute for National Donor Sabbath: Barry’s Story

* Hymn “God, Each Day You Give is Precious” (see insert)

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Aria V from Partita II”

Georg Telemann

Connie Weiss, Oboe

John Weiss Cello

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Janet Stansbury in memory of her sister, Marjorie M. Ash, RN, and brother, the Rev. Robert E. Morgan.

The rose is in honor of the baptism of Wesley John Moore. Wesley is the son of Peter and Laura Schillinger Moore. His grandparents are Nina and Brian Schillinger, and Jana Schillinger is his very proud aunt.

Participants in Today’s Service

Pastor

Rev. William G. Carter

Coordinator of Children
and Youth Ministries

Jana Schillinger

Liturgist

Diane Scheuer

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Usher

Erika Adams, Diane Pope-Albright

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 service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Large-print bulletins can be found 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 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: Barbara, Hall, Barry, Shirley, Karen, Mike, Caleb, Jim, Sandy, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate, the Hares family, the Fritz family, Leonard, Janet.

Plastic (grocery store) bags are needed: MBK is making plastic mats from plastic grocery bags. It takes 600-700 clean plastic bags to make a single 3' x 6' mat, so we need LOTS of them. Please bring your extra bags to Church; there is a tub in the Narthex for them. Thank you!!

Urgent Help Needed: Afghan Refugee Status update

As mentioned a few months ago, our new neighbors from Afghanistan are running out of time. If they came in that mess we saw on TV last year, they have parole status, which means they have one year to file to apply for a different status which would allow them to remain here longer. That year has expired. Our local immigration resettlement office, which used to accommodate this process, was shut down. It is a difficult process. People here are finding themselves in a very desperate situation. If they are to be flown back, the Taliban will be waiting for them on the runway.

There are 2 ways private citizens can help:

1. Reach out to our representatives and ask them to hurry and pass the Afghan Adjustment Act. It was introduced on August 15, is being negotiated and has not yet been brought to a vote.
2. Anyone who is willing and able to help with some pro bono legal work, that would be an enormous help. Please contact Ginny O'Brien at ginny8149@gmail.com.

Care packages for college students: We want to send care packages to our college and graduate students. Know of anybody who would enjoy receiving one? Contact Grace Farrell (glee1124@yahoo.com or 570-586-7174) who is coordinating the project for the Deacons. Be sure to include the student's address!

Can you help?

We are seeking volunteers to replenish our committees and assist with brief but important tasks around the church.

- Can you assist with serving meals at one of our funeral luncheons? Let our Deacons know.
- Interested in volunteering in the office on a regular weekday morning? Notify Nancy Owens.
- Can you serve on the Christian Education and Growth committee? Let Jana know.
- Could you serve on the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, or on the Arts planning team? Tell Jan Thyren or Robin Pinches of your interest.

Thanks for considering this invitation. A church like ours depends on volunteers!

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

Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas season. Order forms are on the back of the November Presbyter and on the table in the narthex. Please place your order with the church office by **November 20**. Plants are \$9.50 with checks payable the First Presbyterian Church.

This Week at a Glance

Today

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

Tuesday, November 15

- **10 a.m.**, Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 16

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

Thursday, November 17

- **8:30 a.m.**, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, Room 206
- **2 p.m.**, Senior Game Day, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 19

Sunday, November 20 **"Christ the King" Sunday**

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
 - * Confirmation Class will be confirmed.
 - * Stewardship Dedication Day
 - * Poinsettia order deadline
- **11:15 a.m.**, Celebration with the Confirmation Class of 2022 in Fellowship Hall
- **4 p.m.**, All Church Recital, Sanctuary

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.**



Looking Ahead to Advent and Christmas

- **Advent bags** for our households will be available from the Christian Education committee by November 20.
- An Advent **devotional booklet** (in print and on the website as a PDF) will feature the “best of” the reflections from the past five years. Available November 20.
- Our **Give a Gift to a Stranger mission program** begins on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27.
- On **Wednesday evenings**, our 6:00 p.m. Adult Study will be called “Advent in Narnia,” based on the C.S. Lewis book, “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.” It will begin on November 30.
- An **intergenerational Advent program** will take place on Sunday, December 4, following worship.
- The C.E. committee will hold a **Parent’s Night Out**, Friday, December 9, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Register on our website by December 2.
- **Brass Concert** by the Ringgold Band on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Blue Christmas Service** will be held in person and broadcast online on Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 pm.
- **On Christmas Eve**, there will be a simple Christmas pageant at 4:00 p.m., a choral Lessons and Carols at 8:00 p.m., and a Jazz Communion at 11:00 p.m. All will be in person and broadcast online.
- Worship will be held on **Christmas Day** and **New Year’s Day** at 10:00 a.m. Both are Sundays.
- An **intergenerational lunch/event on the theme of Baptism** will be held after worship on Sunday, January 8.