



The Fruit of the Spirit – Ivan Guaderrama

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45 a.m.) – Hymns for Children: 188, 730, 20, 175

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Sarabande from Partita 4”

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

from Psalm 18

Who is a rock besides our God?

God has girded me with strength and made my way safe.

You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your right hand has supported me;

your gentleness has made me great.

* Hymn 834

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

on Galatians 5:13-20

Lord, you have called us into the freedom of your grace.

We confess we have twisted that freedom into self-indulgence.

We follow our natural inclinations and show little restraint.

Rather than live in peace, we bite and devour one another.

We create division and animosity, and shrug off peace.

We demand love rather than offer love.

Even when you offer the guidance of your Spirit,

our souls are consumed by a hunger for consumption.

Set us free from ourselves and our appetites, and

fill us with enough faith that we may be reckoned as righteous;

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who gave his life to set us free.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response: “The Fruit of the Spirit”

Brian C. Casebow

**For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control; for such there is no law.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 7:53-8:11 (NT, p. 100)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Etude Op. 25 Nr. 1 “Aeolian Harp”

Chopin

Second Lesson: Matthew 11:28-30 (NT, p. 12)

Sermon: “Living in the Spirit with Gentleness”

Rev. Carter

Sermon Series: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 418

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

* 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.***

Offering

Offertory

“Sehr Langsam Op. 68 Nr. 30”

by Schumann

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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 378 “We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “Six Variations WoO 70”

Beethoven

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Meg Hatch in loving memory of her mother Sue.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children
and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Pianist

Nathaniel Worrell

Liturgist

John Conklin

Ushers

Judy Cutler, Debbie Miller

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 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.

The red attendance pads have returned to the pews! Please sign your name and pass it to the next person across the pew. We are trying to do a better job keeping track of those who come to worship.

The communion elements are now including a gluten-free bread or cracker option.

The crackers placed in the middle of each bread plate are gluten-free. Also, individually sealed, gluten-free “snack-packs” can be found in a basket with the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a sensitivity to gluten, you may take part using the gluten-free item.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Kate, Leonard, Chuck, Jane, Rachel, Wayne, Alice, Cheryl, Kathy, Otto, Dawn, Colleen, Anne, Aria, Morse, Christian, Margaret, Bob, Bonnie, Leslie, Sara, Susan, Marta, Flo, Gretchen, Jim, Lisa, Karis, Janet, Patty, Dean, Sharon, Naylor family, Sonny, Ralph.

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.

Would you (and some friends) like to host refreshments on either August 20 or 27? A sign-up sheet has been placed in Fellowship Hall. Call Karen White, 570-575-7005, with any questions.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 6

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Monday, August 7

Tuesday, August 8

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 11

- **7 p.m.**, The King's Brass concert, sanctuary

Sunday, August 13

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

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.



Our next Arts Event: The King's Brass

Friday, August 11 at 7:00 pm
Sanctuary, First Presbyterian Church



This 9-piece brass band from Fort Wayne, Indiana, consists of three trumpets, three trombones, one tuba, keyboards, and percussion, all excellent musicians from across the country. It is said of The King's Brass that they are a fine group of dedicated folks who take their music (but not themselves!) seriously. Their performance is a delightful blend of tasteful variety, light-hearted fun, and musical excellence. You won't want to miss it!

Nine host families are needed to house the band members overnight and give them breakfast. If you would be able to do this, please contact John Weiss at 570-586-0434.

Join us for Dinner with Church Friends

Wednesday, August 16, 6:00 p.m.
La Cucina Restaurant,
600 S Blakely St, Dunmore.



Please let Jeanne (westcollect@gmail.com or 570-479-7960) or JoAnn (jodihall@nep.net or 570-806-1591) know if you would like to come. *There is also a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.* The restaurant needs a tentative number of diners by August 7. Meet us there or we can carpool from the church if you are interested.

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