

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn  
Words of Welcome  
Prelude

“How Great Thou Art”

arr. Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

*Ps. 95:1-2*

O come, let us sing to the Lord

***and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!***

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

***singing joyful songs of praise.***

\* Hymn 401

“Here in This Place”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***O Lord our God,***

***you call us to work for a world***

***where all will be fed and have dignity,***

***but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.***

***You call us to seek justice and peace,***

***but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.***

***You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,***

***but we do not insist on freedom for all.***

***Forgive us, O Lord.***

***Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,***

***so that all may know your justice and peace;***

***through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response (Hymn 439, v. 1)

***O my soul, bless your Redeemer. All within me bless God's name.***

***Bless the Savior and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.***

Reception of New Member

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8 (NT, p. 230)

Psalter: Psalm 1

Refrain: ***Happy are they who delight, who delight in the law of God.***

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris

Second Lesson: Mark 9:30-37 (NT p. 45)

Sermon: “They Did Not Understand”

Rev. Carter

*Fall Sermon Series: Disciple School 102*

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

\* Affirmation of Faith

Declaration of Faith, PCUS 9.1

***We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.***

***Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ***

***is God's undeserved gift to each of us.***

***It is also God's demand upon every one of us,***

***never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.***

***Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,***

***we strive to become more faithful and effective***

***in our daily practice of the Christian life.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Mission  
Offering

Alan Baker

Offertory

“Here I Am, Lord”

arr. John Carter

\* Doxology 606

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise Christ, all people here below.***

***Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore.***

\* Prayer of Dedication

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. J. Bert Carlson

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

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\* All who are able shall stand.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Robin Pinches

Ushers

Diane Cosner and Chris Jeske

**The flowers** this morning have been given to the glory of God in honor of

- The 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary of Marie and Richard Cochrane, and
- The birthday of Lee Wirth from her children, Kristen DeLambo and Bill Wirth.

“*The*  
**SON** *of*  
**MAN**  
*is to be betrayed...*

they will kill him, and  
three days after being  
killed, he will rise again.”



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## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 22

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **11:15**, Planned Giving Event, Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 23

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

- **9 a.m.**, Presbyter Mailing
- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **5:45 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, **Bell Choir**, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 26

Friday, September 27

Saturday, September 28

Sunday, September 29

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
- **4 p.m.**, Arts Series: Organ concert with Chris Johnson

**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.



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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.

- **Join us at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel**, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**The Nursery** is located on the sanctuary level of this building, room 208, and is regularly staffed Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger. The room is very young-child/toddler friendly with a changing table and age-appropriate toys and books.

**Bible Time**, our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) *is in full swing!* Children will be introduced to Bible stories in a fun and engaging way. They are invited to depart the sanctuary after the anthem (for about 20 minutes) and return for the prayers and conclusion of the service.

### Generosity Team Planned Giving Event—Today after worship

The Generosity Team is sponsoring a seminar on planned giving and stewardship today in Fellowship Hall following worship. A light lunch will precede the presentation. Speakers David Brown, Esq. and Kim Barrows will discuss legal, tax, and financial aspects of estate planning, including opportunities for supporting the ministry of First Presbyterian Church through current gifts and bequests. The Generosity Team will distribute information packets containing helpful estate planning guides and workbooks published by the Presbyterian Foundation.

See the insert for information on **Worship Through Service October 5 & 6** and **Hickory Street Community Meal and grocery distribution**.

**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, Janet, Travis, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Nate, Kay, Kelly, Judy, Renee and family, Clyde, Emily, Denise, Sawyer, June, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., Brenden, Sue, Rebecca, Anne, Brenda, Jerry, Denise, Dawn, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Jeanette, Rob, the family of Franklin G., Dennis V., Ray, Theresa, Jeneane, Lucy, Marlene.

**Women's Bible Study will begin this Tuesday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This year's study is titled, "**Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation.**" Topics September through December include Environmental Justice, Land Justice, Food Justice, and Water Justice. All women are welcome.

**My Brother's Keeper Quilting also begins on this Tuesday, September 24 at 10:00 a.m.,** in Fellowship Hall. Quilts for the homeless made here at FPCCS are taken to the Keystone Mission in Scranton for distribution. Anyone who can tie knots is welcome.

**On Tuesday, October 1, there is a luncheon** for guests from Clarks Summit State Hospital. During that event, they are given gifts of warm socks. **A box will be placed in the Narthex to receive donations** of new socks for men and women. Your donations of socks will be greatly appreciated. Please refer questions to Janet Dobson, coordinator.

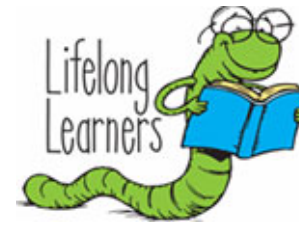
**The 2024-25 Arts Series at First Presbyterian** will open with an organ recital by **Chris Johnson** on Sunday, September 29 at 4 pm.



Organist Christopher Johnson, a graduate of The Cleveland Institute of Music, Manhattan School of Music and Yale University, is the organist and director of music at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Scranton. He previously served as director of music and organist at Riverside Church and artist-in-residence at Union Theological Seminary, and is the long-time director of Chapel music at The Interchurch Center in New York City.

## Wednesday Evenings at First Presbyterian

**Adult Education and Adult Choir meet each Wednesday from September to early June, with a few exceptions.**



Throughout the fall, our focus will be Discipleship.

September 25 and October 2 we will talk about *Leading During Elections: Faithful Practices for Our Fractured Politics*. Not that we intend to tell anyone who to vote for, or what party to support, or even how to think on every issue. However, we are bound together as a community of faith by the way we love one another, and come to agreements that benefit the common good.

Adult Education meets in room 206 at 5:45 p.m. All are invited!

The choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7 p.m. **#SHARP#** in the sanctuary (come a few minutes early to get your music and your seat). Invite your friends.



Our Bell Choir begins rehearsals this Wednesday, September 25, 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in ringing, speak with Dick Cochrane.

There just might be a bell for you!

**Please join us on Wednesday evenings!**