

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 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

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

Psalm 59:17

O God, my strength, I will sing praises to you,
**for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.**
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* Hymn 275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
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
* Passing of the Peace
* Response (Hymn 439 v. 6)

**Bless your maker, all you creatures, ever under God’s control,
all throughout God’s vast dominion; bless the Lord of all, my soul!**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28 (NT, p. 222)
Psalter: Psalm 126 (Hymnal 74)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Abide With Me”

arr. Jason Klug

Second Lesson: Mark 10:46-52 (NT, p. 47)
Sermon: “My Teacher, Let Me See Again”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

* Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith, PCUS, 10.1
**God has not taken his people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world to worship him there
and serve all humankind.
We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord
in behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise
are never for ourselves alone.
Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.
We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world
and joining him in his work.
We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially
in events and movements that free people by the gospel
and advance justice, compassion and peace.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for Generosity

Diane Randall

Offering

Offertory "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Lana Kelley

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 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" arr. John Leavitt

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given by Meg Hatch to the Glory of God and in honor of Dick Cochrane, who has led the bell choir for many years, bringing the sound of bells to our church.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor

Rev. William Carter

Coordinator of Children and Youth

Jana Schillinger

Director of Music

Frank Jones

Director of Bells

Dick Cochrane

Organist

Kay Ten Eyck

Liturgist

Marie Cochrane

Ushers

Bill Farrell and Diana Pope-Albright

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THE BLIND MAN SAID TO HIM,

*"My teacher,
let me see again."*

Mark 10:51, NRSV



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 27

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Children's Bible Time

Wednesday, October 30

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

Thursday, October 31

- 7 p.m., AlAnon, Room 111



Saturday, November 2

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 3

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:15 a.m., We Worship Together Series (see page 2)

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.

This morning for our children:

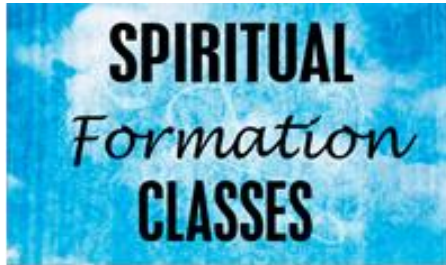
- The Nursery is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it is furnished with a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.
- Bible Time, for children age 4 to approx. grade 4, will hear about *how God provides* *celebrating our gifts* *Deborah* *Elijah.*

Today is Dedication Sunday, when we dedicate our 2025 stewardship financial pledges to God and the church's work. Pledge cards are available if you need one.

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, Brian, Rebecca, Anne, Brenda, Jerry, Dawn, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Jeanette, Rob, Dennis V., Ray, Theresa, Lucy, Marlene, Yaya and Fedeline, Wayne, Evans/McCullen family, Craig, Ann.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings!



Adult Education 5:45 p.m., in room 206

Throughout the fall, we will explore what scripture tells us about discipleship. We would love to have you join us. Feel free to bring a sandwich or salad to enjoy while we meet. All are invited!

The Adult Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The director's dream is for everyone to come a few minutes early to get music and take a seat. All are welcome. Invite your friends. Let's have some fun!



Our Bell Choir rehearses at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in ringing, speak with Dick Cochrane. *There just might be a bell for you!*

We Worship Together series: A 30-minute program held after worship for children through grade 6. "We Worship Together" examines questions we have about church practices and traditions, such as Baptism, Lent, and the Apostles' Creed. Parents are to sign up, and each family will receive a book to take home related to the topic discussed. Our first program this year will be a 2-Sunday discussion of **worship**: what it is, why we do it, and more. Join us on **Sunday, November 3** and **Sunday, November 10**.



Arts at First Presbyterian welcomes Paul Lyon and the Merchants of Groove Today at 4 p.m.

NEPA's premier blues band returns to rock the house and stir the spirit. Featuring Teddy Young on guitar, this band showcases the music of BB King, Buddy Guy, and other blues greats. Last time, it was standing room only!

The concert is open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to help defray the costs of the event. If you would like to make a contribution to the Arts Series, donations may be made payable to:
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Please write "Arts Series" in the memo block. Thank you for your support!

Our Mobile Food Pantry serves several families in the area. If you know of someone needing assistance with food insecurity in their home, invite them to contact fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com or church office at 570-586-6306 to pre-register (which is required). Next distribution is November 14, 4-6 p.m.