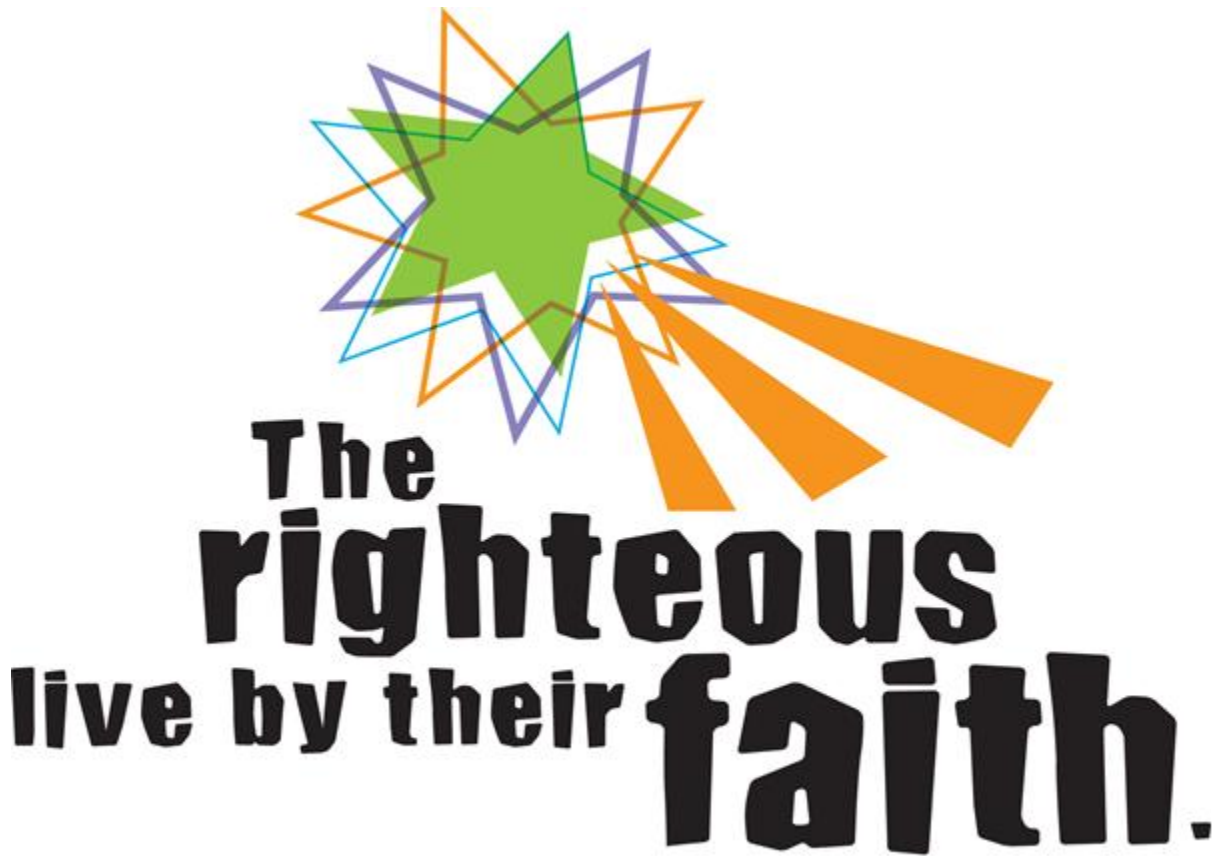




HABAKKUK 2:4, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
21st Sunday after Pentecost

November 2, 2025

10:00 A.M.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 708, verse 1-2
Words of Welcome

Prelude

“For All the Saints”

arr. Robert Hobby

Call to Worship

from Psalm 119

You are righteous, Lord, and your laws are right.

Your statutes are righteous; they are fully trustworthy.

Your promises have been tested, and your servant loves them.

Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true.

* Hymn 409

“God Is Here!”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.***

***You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.***

***You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.***

***You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.***

Forgive us, O Lord.

***Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (598)

Amen, we praise your name, O God!

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Amen, amen. Amen, amen! Amen, we praise your name, O God.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 19:1-10 (NT p. 82)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Amazing Grace”

Second Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 (OT, p. 871)

Sermon: “How the Righteous Live”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

A Minute for Generosity

Jay Clymer

Offering and Dedication of Pledges

All are invited forward to dedicate themselves and their offerings.

Offertory

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

arr. Tom Birchwood

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please hold the bread until all are served, so that we might share it as a sign of our unity in Christ. As a sign of individual devotion and commitment, you may drink the cup as you are served.

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

* 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 are given by Chris and Jodi Cieszkowski in memory of her mother, Joanne Carlin.

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

Chris Norton

Ushers

The communion elements now include a gluten-free bread option.

The crackers placed in the middle of each bread plate are gluten-free.

Also, individually sealed, gluten-free “communion packs” can be found in a basket with the bulletins at the back of the sanctuary. If you have a sensitivity to gluten, please, take advantage of the gluten-free items.

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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 gather each Sunday 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.

Following worship today and November 9, Christian Ed is sponsoring a special study during coffee hour about the "[Barmen Declaration](#)," a confession the Presbyterian church confirms in its Book of Confessions. After Adolf Hitler gained political control of the Evangelical Church of Germany in 1933, his appointees pressed his agenda, prohibiting the use of the Old Testament and requiring that clergy be of Aryan descent. The "Confessing Church" formed in resistance, and its leaders, insisting the church must remain faithful to Jesus Christ, issued the Barmen Declaration in 1934.

This study is meant to get us thinking and talking about how the church might respond to political pressures and speak with a clear and faithful voice in times when such pressures arise. If you're interested, grab your refreshments and head down the hall to the former Youth Room (room 111) for a time of learning and discussion.

New Testament Connections at Wednesday Night Bible Study

This Wednesday, November 5, we will begin a new series, "New Testament Connections." Each week, we will use a different lens to understand how the New Testament emerges out of the Old Testament context using timelines, maps, world history, and other tools. We meet at 6:00 pm in Room 206.

Mid-November: Trivia Night for Young(er) Adults

The FPC Young(er) Adult Group is planning to attend a Trivia Night at a local establishment. We will most likely go on a Tuesday or Thursday, mid-month. Let Michael know if you are interested in attending at mkthompson96@gmail.com or 518-577-8691.

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, Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, Tim, Claire, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, family and friends, Faith, Erin, Terry B., Katie, Mary, Sue and family, Renee, Wendy, Margaret, Jim, Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, Dick, Kate.

November Food Drive

The Deacons will be sponsoring a November Food Drive to serve the Dalton Food Pantry and The Gathering Place. During the season of Thanksgiving, please help us feed those in need within our community. Collections will be accepted throughout the month of November. Any non-perishable items would be appreciated, such as cereal, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, tuna, crackers, etc. Look for updates in the Sunday bulletin.

Take a Presbyterian trip to Ireland



Registration is now open for our church's journey to the Emerald Isle. Scheduled for April 12-21, 2026, a group of Presbyterians will travel to Dublin, Galway, and all the spots in between. Brochures are available in the narthex. As with the trip to Scotland, Witte Travel of Grand Rapids is organizing an extraordinary trip for us. Reach out to [Rev. Bill Carter](#) or Jamie Strong with questions.

We are Growing Our Endowment

Have you thought about our endowment fund? This may surprise you: it is actually quite exciting. Our endowment funds are the foundation for a remarkable financial energy source for our ministries. It benefits our ministry today, and it goes further for the next generation, and for all generations who follow.

Here's how:

- Any contribution to the endowment is invested to (1) achieve long-term growth of the corpus and (2) distribute funds to mission and ministry every year. This is where it gets exciting: look at what would happen over 35 years:

If \$100,000 was invested in a typical endowment portfolio in 1981, over the next 35 years the value of the endowment would have distributed to ministry a total of \$426,000, and the corpus would have grown to \$225,000. In sum, \$100,000 generated \$651,000, and it will keep going for the next 35 years... and the next.

What a wonderful legacy for those who follow us!

Have you thought about your own legacy? Here? Through your legacy gift, you can keep providing this ministry for all generations that follow us. No gift is too small, and it is often very simple to do. Most legacy gifts are bequests through a will or trust, but there are several other strategies that can have some great benefits that your professional advisors can tell you about.

We would be delighted to help you to discern your legacy here. Contact our pastor or a member of the Generosity Team if you would like to discuss ideas for your legacy gift.

By the way: **our current endowment balance is just over \$ 200,000**, having had a nice "bump" of donations from Rev. Carter's anniversary party. Did you know that these invested funds will produce an additional stream of income for the mission and ministry of our church? This year, we anticipate \$ 7000 of income from the endowment.

Just imagine what we could do if each of us created a Legacy Gift for our church!

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 2

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
Stewardship Dedication Sunday
- 11 a.m., Confirmation, Room 206
- 11 a.m., Special study about the **“Barmen Declaration”**
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

Monday, November 3

- 7 p.m., Ireland Trip Meeting, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA

Tuesday, November 4

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, November 5

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 6 p.m., Wednesday Night Bible Study, Library (Room 206)
- 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal, sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206
- 8:00 p.m., Bell Choir rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 6

- 8:30 a.m., Men’s Breakfast, Room 206
- 5:30 p.m., Worship, Music, Arts, Room 206
- 7 p.m., Building and Grounds, Room 209
- 7 p.m., Christian Ed., Room 206
- 5:45 p.m., GSA, Room 111

Friday, November 7

Saturday, November 8

Sunday, November 9

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

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