

Prayers of the People

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Betsey Brown  
4 Toby Pennell  
9 Graham Fitzwater  
12 John Hackworth  
15 Tanner Furman  
19 Sue Fay  
19 Corbin Taylor  
20 Paul Butler  
23 Diane Turner  
28 Connor McCormick

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, November 5, 2023 – 10:30 AM

### Stewardship Dedication Sunday

*Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome!*

Prelude "Chorale Prelude" Willan

Choral Call to Worship

**\*\*Call to Worship**

When God stops by, everything changes.

**Rivers turn to dry land; the deserts turn into springs.**

The hungry are fed, and the lost are guided home.

**Come to us, mighty God, and transform our hearts and souls.**

\*Hymn 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

God calls us into glory, even when we do not live lives worthy of this calling. In gratitude – for God has claimed us – let us be honest with God about the ways we are not worthy. Let us confess to God.

**\*\*Christ who kneels to wash our feet, despite your clear example, we cannot shake our usual ways of life. We admit: we are tempted by honor and status. We admit: we like to seem holier than we are. We admit: we like to be respected more than others. We admit: we would rather be "great" than a servant. But you who are the greatest became the servant of all. Help us to imitate you. Humble us that we might not be just the image of your disciple, but that we actually embody your teachings.**

Assurance of God's Grace

When we cry to God in our trouble, God delivers us from our distress.

**\*\*Thank God for such steadfast love, wonderful works, and unfailing forgiveness.**

Response

"Sing A New Song"

**\*\*Sing a new song unto the Lord. Let your song be sung from mountains high.**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing Halleluiah! (repeat)**

Stewardship 201 – Steve Frazier

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Here Am I, Send Me"

Mark Wilson

I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here I am;" Then said I, "Send me." God of our lives, whose spirit calls to us, like unto like, to guide our way. Thanks we give to you, whose love created us, calls us to life and sustains us each day. Your blessings come, each morning new. Your love surrounds us with goodness. Make us aware of your mercies, Lord. Make of our lives a song of thanksgiving. Tune every heart to sing your praises. Order our ways, that when we hear your call, our hearts may answer; joyfully answer, "Here am I, send Me!"

*\*Please rise in body or Spirit. | \*\*Words in bold print are spoken aloud or sung in unison.*

\*Doxology

**\*\*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Children – Edna Broadhurst

\*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

First Lesson

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb.”

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Second Lesson

Matthew 5: 1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

“We Are NOT Wal-Mart”

Dr. Steven Frazier

\*Hymn 326

“For All the Saints”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**\*\*And also, with you.**

**\*\*We lift them to the Lord.**

**\*\*It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore with apostles and prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise.

**\*\*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**\*\*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**\*\*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.**

Distribution of the Elements and Communion of the People

Benediction

\*Benediction Response

“Jesus Be with Us”

Gambrell

**Jesus, be with us. Help us each day  
to follow the Gospel and live as we pray.  
Send us your Spirit and show us your way  
Jesus be with us today.  
Where there is hunger and thirst in the land,  
scatter the systems of greed.  
Jesus be with us, make use of our hands.  
Lift up your people in need.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace of Christ be with you.

**\*\*And also with you.**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ.

**Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for snacks after worship!**

This Morning’s Liturgist – Todd Taylor

