



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, pastor
Ed Manda, liturgist

October 13, 2024

Andrew Morris, organist

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Pads: Please help us maintain good communication with all our members and guests by completing the Friendship Register as it is passed from the end of each pew. Please let us know the best way to communicate with you. Be sure to greet folks new to you at the end of worship!

Cards of Encouragement: Blue cards found in the pew rack ~ please put in offering plate.

Introit

My Jesus I Love Thee

Chancel Choir

Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, organist

Call to Worship

Henry Sloane Coffin (1877-1954),

President of Union Theological Seminary, New York.

One: Almighty and everliving God, you are beyond the grasp of our highest thought, but within the reach of our frailest trust:

All: Come in the beauty of the morning's light and reveal yourself to us.

One: Enrich us out of the heritage of seers and scholars and saints into whose faith and labors we have entered and quicken us to new insights for our time;

All: that we may be possessors of the truth of many yesterdays, partakers of your thoughts for today,

One: and creators with you of a better tomorrow; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the ages.

* Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
ST. DENIO

Glory to God #12

* Call To Confession

Ed Manda, liturgist

One: Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Ed Manda, liturgist

Loving and forgiving God, we are in conflict! We want to be followers of Christ, but we cling to our own desires and plans. We want to be filled with joy, but we are beset with worry and anxiety. We long for a vibrant prayer life, but our busy lives leave us tired and afraid of solitude. We confess that we succumb to the allures of this world — having more, doing more, running faster and harder — and all the while, we fail to see the needs of our neighbors and ignore the needs of our own souls. Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us hearts that are open to receive your grace. Refresh our spirits by the cleansing rain of your forgiveness. Rekindle within us faith, compassion and generosity. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Ed Manda, liturgist

God says, "There is nothing you can do to make me stop loving you." When the truth of these words breaks through, we are transformed. God loves and forgives you. God says, "You are accepted and loved as you are. You don't have to carry around the burdens of the past." Forgiveness is yours. We are a new creation through the powerful presence of God's constant love. Amen

- * **Passing the Peace** Ed Manda, liturgist
 One: Knowing the grace and mercy of the Lord, we share it with one another.
 The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)
- * **Hymn** GLORIA PATRI
Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
- Children's Moment** David Dutcher
- Prayer of Illumination** Ed Manda, liturgist
 Holy One, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read
 and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Help us to be steadfast in
 our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.
- A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Wisdom** Ed Manda, liturgist
 Job 23:1-9
- Anthem** Chancel Choir
The Beatitudes
 H.R. EVANS
 Bill Seidel, soloist
 Adrian Hartsough, director
 Andrew Morris, organist
- Gospel Reading** Mark 10:17-31
- Sermon** "Jesus meets HENRY" Pastor Helen
- Hymn** *Will You Come and Follow Me? (The Summons)* **Glory to God #726**
 KELVINGROVE
- Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer** (as translated by the Maori people)
 Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall be,
 Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trial too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
 now and forever. Amen.
- Minute for Mission** *Sharing God's Love with Everyone!* Margie Dyke
- Offering** Andrew Morris, organist
- * **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **Glory to God #606**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Affirmation of Faith**

We are not alone; we live in God’s world. We believe in God who has created and is creating; who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God’s presence; to live with respect in creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus’ message of hope, inclusion and grace. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

* **Hymn**

Live into Hope
TRURO

Glory to God #772

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Andrew Morris, organist

* Stand as you are able – in spirit or in body

Welcome!

We encourage everyone to come as you are, be who you are, and be in community with us! Whether you are joining us virtually or in-person; we are happy to have you with us anytime! If you are new to First Presbyterian Church, please let us know you are here by signing the **Friendship Pad**. If you are worshipping with us online either live or recorded please **email us at firstpreslawrence@gmail.com** letting us know you joined us in worship. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are interested in membership please talk to Pastor Helen.

Prayer List

Cares, Concerns and Celebrations

- **Tim Dutcher, son of Lois and David Dutcher**, has found a kidney donor and we celebrate! The surgery will be November 15th at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN
- **Kelly Grube** is continuing with chemotherapy following her trip to the Mayo Clinic recently.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnosis.
- **Tanja Rounds** is dealing with a brain tumor and is looking at treatment options. Prayers appreciated.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Nora Wallace** asks for prayers for her parents and sister who are dealing with the effects of long covid.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **Jane Golden**, a teacher in First 5 Years, is being treated for cancer.
- **Linda Wilson, Carol Fleeger’s sister-in-law**, is coping with a complicated cancer diagnosis and recovery from surgery.

- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, who is facing some serious health challenges.
- **Prayer for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.
- **Prayers for those** quietly and privately in need. Those facing surgery or treatments, waiting for more information, living with addiction or mental health issues, and for the caregivers supporting them.

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Jim Rumsey, Charles and Jennifer Tuttle
Greeters: Carol Smith and Nancy Rumsey
Securing the Offering: Henry Johns, Jeff Southard
Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson
Bag Brigade Volunteer: Linda Longino

Birthdays in the Congregation

October 14	October 16
Adam Rounds	Diana Schoneweis
October 15	Naima Nganga
Sandee Crowther	October 18
Pat Masten	Joan Kastner
Carly McAlister-Harms	Jayne Savage
Mac Boyd	Chase Hofer

Deacon Family Groups - 2024

A-Ca	Charles Tuttle	N-Q	Peggy Southard
Ce-Do	Janet Adams	Mc-Mz	Becky May
Dr-F	Diana Schoneweis	R-Si	Linda Longino
G-Ha	Larry Schlosser	Sl-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

Calendar

October 13	
9:15 am	Children and Youth Sunday School
9:15 am	Kerygma Class on Mark

10:30 am	Worship	October 16	
11:30 am	OktoberFest!	9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes
2:00 pm	Girl Scout CPR Training	2:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
October 14		5:00 pm	Personnel Committee Meeting
9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
1:15 pm	Staff Meeting	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
2:00 pm	Pastor Helen's Class	October 18	
6:00 pm	Cub Scout Den – Schwaller	10:00 am	Men's Group
6:00 pm	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal	4:00 pm	Boy Scout Hunter Education
6:30 pm	First 5 Years Staff Meeting	October 20	
October 15		9:15 am	Children and Youth Sunday School
9:00 am	First 5 Years Classes	9:15 am	Kerygma Study
2:00 pm	Parkinson's Support Group	10:30 am	Worship
6:00 pm	Deacon Meeting		

Children and Youth

• Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2nd Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3rd – 5th Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- 6th – 12th Grades – Room 11 – Lois and David Dutcher – “How Can I Know God Accepts Me?”

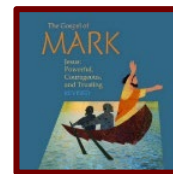
Youth Activities

Friends, we have some wonderful plans for 6-12 grades. Please add to your calendars and invite your friends to join us.

- **October**
 - Trunk or Treat HALLOWEEN FUN on October 27th – Sign up in the Narthex to host a trunk or provide candy!
- **November**
 - MISSION on Saturday November 2nd we will serve lunch at LINKS
 - MISSION: the youth will be shopping to provide Christmas gifts for families in need on November 17th. More information coming soon.
- **January**
 - Winter Youth Retreat – January 4th – 10 am to 6 pm – Watch for more information!

Adult Sunday School Classes

- **The Adult Sunday School class will be studying the Gospel of Mark.** Pastor Helen's messages are using the book of Mark. The Kerygma study of Mark will be the text. The class will be facilitated by Rod Nitz. Thanks to Rod for being willing to lead the study.
- **Adult Offerings during the week**
 - **The Men's Group** meets on Friday morning at 10:00 am in the Library. Contact Charles Tuttle for more information at cftuttle@gmail.com.
 - **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** - For October 14th we will watch the Bill Moyers video called *The Apocalypse* about Noah and the flood. The class meets at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.



October 13 at 11:30 am – Fellowship Committee is providing brats, hotdogs, and buns. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share – fall themed items would be fun if you can! Please RSVP on the Friendship Pad or at the table in the Narthex.

Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 27 – 4 to 6 pm

Wear your costumes and come have a great time at our Trunk or Treat. You can sign up to host a trunk on the table in the Narthex. You can bring candy to hand out. Or come share in the fun! Many thanks to Family Ministry, the Boy Scouts, our Youth and everyone who is helping make this a great time at FPC!

