



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, pastor  
Paul Laird, liturgist

October 27, 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**

*Out of the Depths*

Chancel Choir  
Adrian Hartsough, director  
Andrew Morris, organist

**Call to Worship**

One: Loving God, we gather together seeking

**All: a way of traveling that harms not the earth,**

One: a way of having that leaves plenty for others,

**All: a time for tears that dissolves grief,**

One: a time for kindness that heals many wounds,

**All: a season of forgiveness that ceases our gender differences,**

One: a path of peacemaking that settles strife,

**All: a journey of justice-seeking that creates hope,**

One: a doorway for loving that brings rebirth. Loving God, we gather to gather seeking

**All: a song for the singing, a moment of joyous praise,**

One: an opportunity for living with God's wisdom to heal God's people and the earth.

\* **Hymn of Praise**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
EIN' FESTE BURG

**Glory to God #275**

\* **Call To Confession**

Paul Laird, 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)

Paul Laird, liturgist

**Forgiving Christ, our lives of faith have become confused. We long to see you for ourselves, yet settle for what others say about you. We cry out in the midst of pain or sadness, yet do not act boldly when we are made well. We ask for forgiveness, yet fail to live out your mercy in our repentance.**

**Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Give us the strength not only to feel but do, not only to think but speak. May we be made well in our faith, that we might follow you more closely. In your name, we pray.**

\* **Silent Prayers of Confession**

\* **Pouring the Water**

\* **Words of Forgiveness**

Paul Laird, 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** Paul Laird, 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** Judy Wilson
- Prayer of Illumination** Paul Laird, 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 of the Hebrew Bible Wisdom** Paul Laird, liturgist  
 Job 42:1-6
- Gospel Reading** Paul Laird, liturgist  
 Mark 10:46-52
- Anthem** Chancel Choir  
 STEVE ANGRISANO AND CURTIS STEPHAN Adrian Hartsough, director  
 Featuring the Presby Pickers Andrew Morris, organist  
*Have mercy, Son of David!*  
*Have mercy, Son of David! By mercy set us free.*  
*Have mercy, Son of David! Have mercy, have mercy.*
- Sermon** Pastor Helen  
*"Asking for Help"*
- Hymn** **Glory to God #451**  
*Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
 OPEN MY EYES
- 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** Joan Golden  
*Sharing God's Love with Everyone!*
- Offering** Andrew Morris, organist
- \* **Doxology** **Glory to God #606**  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
*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**

*God of the Sparrow*  
ROEDER

*Glory to God #22*

\* **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](mailto: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*

- **Jim Woelfel** for the death of his daughter, Allegra Woelfel Dalton.
- **John Hughes** for health concerns.
- **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.
- **Barclay Hagen** died suddenly this week. She is a friend of First 5 Years teacher Kelly Elsten. Barclay leaves three children at home.
- **Susan and Pat** who have health concerns.
- **Kelly Grube** is continuing with chemotherapy.
- **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 healing following cancer 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, Larry Flottman, Charles Tuttle  
**Greeters:** Carol Smith, Linda Burton, Vernis Flottman  
**Securing the Offering:** Jim Rumsey, Melinda Fischer  
**Friendship Pad Collector:** Petra Peterson  
**Bag Brigade Volunteer:** Dede Dresser

**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		

## Birthdays in the Congregation

October 30

Clarus Kincaid

November 1

Bill Cummings

Maeley Noble

November 2

Sandra Nease

Ivey Dreweis

November 3

Zoe Stucky

9:00 am

1:00 pm

October 30

9:00 am

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

October 31

9:00 am

1:00 pm

November 1

9:00 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

November 2

8:00 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

3:00 pm

November 3

9:15 am

9:15 am

10:30 am

First 5 Years Classes

Small World Classes

First 5 Years Classes

Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Halloween

First 5 Years Classes

Small World Classes

First 5 Years Classes

AZ PEO meeting

Men's Group

Boy Scout Leadership Training

PW Clean Up Day

Drop off for LINK meal at FPC

FPC Serving at LINK

Ethan Rogers French Horn Recital

All Saints Sunday

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Kerygma Study

Worship

## Calendar

October 27

9:15 am Children and Youth Sunday School

9:15 am Kerygma Class on Mark

10:30 am Worship

2:30 pm Boy Scout Leadership Training

4:00 pm Trunk or Treat

October 28

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes

12:30 pm Lunch for 7/8 at Perkins

1:15 pm Staff Meeting

2:00 pm Pastor Helen's Class

6:00 pm Cub Scout Den - Schwaller

6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

7:00 pm First 5 Years Board Meeting

October 29

## Children and Youth

### • Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – Room 9 – Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges
- 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Room 12 – Anne Emert and Nikki Barcomb
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 14 - Chris Heider and Linda Longino
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 11 – Holly and Mark Oertel – “What Does Jesus Want Me to Do?”

## 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 - October 27<sup>th</sup> – This Sunday! Bring a friend and candy to share!
- **November**
  - MISSION on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will serve lunch at LINKS
  - MISSION: the youth will be shopping to provide Christmas gifts for families in need - November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **January**
  - Winter Youth Retreat – January 19<sup>th</sup> – 11:30am 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](mailto:cftuttle@gmail.com).
  - **Pastor Helen's Monday Class** - For October 28th we will watch the Bill Moyers video on Genesis 12 – *Call and Promise*. The class meets at 2:00 pm in the Fireside Room.



**We still need some candy for our Trunk or Treat event on Sunday afternoon!**

Bring some with you to Trunk or Treat!

**Wondering what to do if you have leftover candy from Halloween?**

Bring it to the church before Election Day and we will treat the voters! Thank you!