



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor
Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist

November 16, 2025

Prelude

Andrew Morris, organist

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 and we will send them out in the mail.

Introit

We Lift Our Voices
OFFERING

Glory to God #710

Call to Worship

One: Rejoice people of God! In Christ there is hope and peace.

All: But how can we rejoice? The world is full of hunger, agony, conflict, and pain.

One: Rejoice people of God! For in God there is justice and love. God is the source of everything.

All: But how? The problems are big and the injustice overwhelming.

One: Rejoice people of God! For in you Christ lives and all things are possible.

All: Rejoice! We are God's tools of justice and love. Through God we can work for peace and feed one another.

* Hymn of Praise

The Church of Christ in Every Age (verses 1-4)
WAREHAM

Glory to God #320

* Call To Confession

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One: "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). Let us admit our brokenness to God.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

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Lord God, always compassionate and filled with love, we come to you with heavy hearts. We have not always been all that you have called us to be. Too easily, we become discouraged. Today, Lord, we need to feel the power of your miraculous ways. We are tired and worn out because of the hurts of this world. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding celebration at Cana, we need a miracle of power in our lives and in the church.

In the face of war, hunger, poverty and disease, we need a miracle of confidence, courage and enthusiasm. May your steadfast and forgiving love be born in us again. Renew our hearts and minds and take us from fear and hopelessness to joy and vision and new life. This we pray in the name of the amazing Jesus, the One of miracles and faith. Amen.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, liturgist

One: Love knows no bounds. Hope knows no bounds. Peace knows no bounds. Faith knows no bounds.

There is no place you can go where God is not there. There is nothing you can do that can separate you from God's love. Go, bring hope and peace. Live into faith. Be love. Amen.

* Passing the Peace

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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	Glory Be to the Father		GLORIA PATRI
		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			Paul Laird
	Special Music	Wade in de Water BILL INGRAM, arr.		Westminster Ringers Carol Fleeger, director
	Prayer of Illumination			Pastor Helen
	Still our minds and quiet our worries; open our ears and hearts so that we might truly hear your Word. Amen.			
	First Scripture Reading	Isaiah 58:7		
	Reflection	Link	Petra Peterson/Erinn Barcomb-Peterson	
	Hymn	Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (verse 1)	Glory to God #498	
	Second Scripture Reading	Proverbs 22:9		
	Reflection	Bread for the World		Linda Watts
	Hymn	Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (verse 2)	Glory to God #498	
	Third Scripture Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:12-13		
	Reflection	Community Garden		Margie Dyke
	Hymn	Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (verse 3)	Glory to God #498	
	Fourth Scripture Reading	Luke 3:11		
	Reflection	Family Promise		Jan Roth
	Hymn	Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (verse 4)	Glory to God #498	
	Fifth Scripture Reding	James 2:15-16		
	Reflection	Just Food		Jeff Southard
	Hymn	Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (verse 1)	Glory to God #498	
	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.			

Offering

Wayfaring Stranger
CRAIG COURTNEY, arr.

Chancel Choir
Adrian Hartsough, director
Andrew Morris, organist

* The 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 believe in the church as a community of believers and doubters who strive always to rise to our greater selves as we work to accomplish more than we could ever dream possible.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who comforts and strengthens us even when we are not paying attention.

We believe in Jesus who gives us the courage to endure when the way before us seems impossible to navigate.

We believe in God whose love will never let us go, even when we are tempted to let go of God when life gets difficult.

We believe in the gift of grace, which is a kindness beyond comprehension, and which gives us a resilience of the spirit to try again and again.

* Closing Hymn

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
KINGSFOLD

Glory to God #757
Andrew Morris, organist

* Charge and Benediction

Postlude

* 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

- **Arlois McLay** died November 5th at Presbyterian Manor. Services are pending. Prayers for her family as they mourn.
- **Elena, a friend of Annette Camlin**, has failing kidneys and will need a transplant soon. Prayers please.
- **Yvonne Davidson** asks for prayers following a fall. She is at LMH and will move to rehab soon.
- **Sammie Locke** has entered hospice care at Bridge Haven where she lives. Please keep her and Carl, who has moved to Brandon Woods, in your prayers.

- **Faye Hale's father had a stroke**. He is home now and receiving rehab. Faye teaches for First 5 Years.
- **Angela Randall's sister has a cancer diagnosis**. Angela teaches for First 5 Years.
- **Please keep Cyndy Glogau and her family** (of First 5 Years) in your prayers as they work on health issues.
- **Joan Snodgrass** is in rehab in Overland Park after a fall at her home.
- **Prayers for Myron Shipley** as he receives treatment for cancer.
- **Susan and Pat** - dealing with health concerns.
- **George Crump** is asking for prayers in support of his health and well-being.
- **Kristi McAlister**, FPC member and daughter of Pat McAlister, is facing serious health challenges.
- **Nancy Brink**, a friend of Lois and Dave Dutcher, asks for prayers as she copes with brain and lung cancer diagnoses.
- **Allison Clunn-McPlin and family**, friends of Dave and Lois Dutcher. Allison was diagnosed with an aggressive form of ALS.
- **Prayers for our pastor and church leaders**, for those leading our community, our state, and our nation.

Deacon Family Groups - 2025

A-Ca Deborah Norwood N-Q Sandy Groene
Ce-Do Joyce Carroll Mc-Mz Becky May
Dr-F Diana Schoneweis R-Si Linda Longino
G-Ha Lucille Eggenberger SI-T Russ Heikes
He-Ko Mary Warren U-Z Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma Lois Dutcher

Birthdays in the Congregation

November 17

Mary Kay Stephens

November 21

Nora Wallace

Callie Livingood

November 22

Suzanne Galle

Mburu Nganga

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Vic and Dianne Sisk, Heather Soper

Greeters: Jan Poulsen

South Door Greeter: Judy Wilson

Offering: Marilyn Heikes, Cherie Elo

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Julie Simon

Calendar

November 16

9:15 am Children's Sunday School
9:15 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Puzzle Piece Fellowship Time
6:00 pm Turkey Tales Story Time with First 5

November 17

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
1:15 pm FPC Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Pastor Helen's Class
6:00 pm First 5 Years Board Meeting
6:00 pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

November 18

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
12:30 pm Perkins Lunch Group
1:00 pm Parkinson Support Group
1:00 pm Small World Classes
6:00 pm Deacon Meeting

November 19

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
3:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Personnel Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

November 20

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
1:00 pm Small World Classes

November 21

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
10:00 am Men's Group

November 23

8:30 am Presby Pickers Rehearsal
9:15 am Adult Sunday School
9:15 am Children's Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
4:00 pm Youth Family Promise Shopping

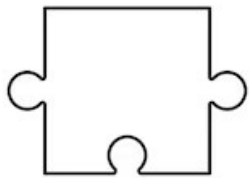
Children Sunday School

- **Sunday School Classes for Children**

- On November 16 Joan Golden and Nancy Hodges will lead the children in room 14. Join us!

- **Adult Sunday School**

- Please join us at 9:15 in the Fireside Room for an informal sharing of devotions related to Thanksgiving and Advent.



Can we complete our puzzles? Or are we missing some pieces?

On November 16 after worship we hope you will plan to stay for some snacks and to complete our puzzles!

What have we discovered about what we have in our hands and how can we better use what we have?

Come! Let's collaborate, discover, share, brainstorm, communicate, and learn!

Turkey Tales Story Time with First 5 Years - On Sunday, November 16, we are hosting Turkey Tales

Storytime! First 5 Years students and their families are an important part of our FPC Community. Claire Boyette, our Mission Coordinator, has put together an intergenerational opportunity for us to read stories to the children. Join us on Sunday, November 16 at 6:00 pm. Sign up in the Narthex to read to the children.

Pastor Helen's Monday Class This week, Monday, November 17th, we will talk about "What Presbyterians Believe" about the second coming. In this class we will approach subjects that are often avoided in PCUSA (and many mainline churches). The class meets on Monday afternoon at 2 pm in the Fireside Room.

EcoTeam meets on Saturday, November 15th at 5:30 pm at Jan Roth's home. All are welcome. Call for directions – Jan 785-843-4764.