



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Helen Hutchison, Pastor
Linda Maxey, liturgist

October 19, 2025

Erin Zipper, guest pianist

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 and we will send them out in the mail.

Congregational Introit

Together We Serve
SAN ANSELMO

Sing the Faith #2175

Call to Worship

One: With open hands,

All: With open doors,

One: The church of Jesus Christ is ready:

All: Ready to welcome us,

One: To gather us in,

All: To lift our spirits and

One: Lighten our grief,

All: To double our joy

One: And deepen our awe.

All: Open hands, open arms.

One: Come in. Welcome home!

* Hymn of Praise

Deep in the Shadows of the Past
SHEPHERD'S PIPES

Glory to God #50
Erin Zipper, guest pianist

* Call To Confession

Linda Maxey, liturgist

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)

Linda Maxey, liturgist

Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are clutching when we should be spending, hoarding when we could be generous, doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care.

Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of your love, which cares for the flowers of the fields, the birds in the air, each child who toddles, every parent who worries, every adult who struggles. Loving God, you have given us so much. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands. Amen.

* Silent Prayers of Confession

* Pouring the Water

* Words of Forgiveness

Linda Maxey, 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** Linda Maxey, 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** *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
- Prayer of Illumination** Linda Maxey, liturgist
 Still our minds and quiet our worries; open our ears and hearts so that we might truly hear your Word. Amen.
- First Scripture Reading** 1 Samuel 17:31-39 Linda Maxey, liturgist
- Special Music** *The River* Westminster Ringers
 ANNA LAURA PAGE, arr. Carol Fleeger, director
- Second Scripture Readings** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Exodus 4:3-4
- Sermon** "Open Hands" Pastor Helen
- Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* **Glory to God #451**
 OPEN MY EYES Erin Zipper, guest pianist
- 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** Ken Blair
- Call to Offertory**
- Offering** *Nearer My God to Thee* Chancel Choir
 DAN FORREST, arr. Adrian Hartsough, director
 Paul Laird, cello Erin Zipper, guest pianist
- * **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**

Take My Life
HENDON

Glory to God #697
Andrew Morris, organist

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Erin Zipper, guest 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

- **Faye Hale's father had a stroke.** 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** (also a First 5 Years teacher) in your prayers as they navigate some 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.
- **Kelly Grube's surgery went well.** She is home and recovering

- **First 5 Years teacher, Lisa Marie Benke**, asks for prayers for her husband, Russell, who was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- **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 diagnosis.
- **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	Sl-T	Russ Heikes
He-Ko	Mary Warren	U-Z	Allen Macfarlane
Kr-Ma	Lois Dutcher		

Sunday Helpers

Ushers: Larry Schlosser, Mark Shiflett, Larry Maxey

Greeters: Eva Alley

South Door Greeter: Jan Poulsen

Offering: Larry Schlosser and Joan Golden

Friendship Pad Collector: Petra Peterson

Bag Brigade Volunteer: Margie Dyck

Birthdays in the Congregation

October 22

Diane Zinn
John Mitchell

Annette Camlin

Thomas Lushington

October 25

Trevor Lindemyer

October 23

Kim McLain

October 26

George Crump

Paul Laird

Anne Meyer

2:00 pm

2:30 pm

6:00 pm

October 22

9:00 am

3:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

October 23

9:00 am

1:00 pm

5:30 pm

October 24

9:00 am

10:00 am

October 26

8:30 am

9:15 am

9:15 am

10:30 am

1:30 pm

4:00 pm

Parkinson's Support Group

Small World Staff Meeting

Deacon Meeting

First 5 Years Classes

Worship Committee Meeting

Girl Scout CPR Training

Boy Scout Troop 59 Meeting

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

First 5 Years Classes

Small World Classes

Justice Matters Community Assembly

First 5 Years Classes

Men's Group

Presby Pickers Rehearsal

Children's Sunday School

Music in the New Testament

Worship

Boy Scout Leader Training

All Church Game / TacoTober Event

Calendar

October 19

9:15 am Children's Sunday School
9:15 am Music in the New Testament
10:30 am Worship

October 20

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

October 21

9:00 am First 5 Years Classes
12:30 pm Perkins Lunch Group
1:00 pm Small World Classes

Sermon Series – What Is in Your Hand?

This October we are leaning into “What is in Your Hand?” This refers to God’s statement to Moses when he keeps saying he is not the one to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. God then reminds Moses that Moses has what he needs. It might be helpful for First Presbyterian Church to consider all the amazing gifts and resources that “are in our hands”.

Last week at our chili cook off we took some time to name the wonderful resources that are in our hands at First Presbyterian Church. The list is in the office- if you were not there and did not have a chance, please look at the list and add to it. If you were there and thought of something you would like to add, please do so!

Chili Cook-Off – And the Winner is..... Jeff Southard was awarded second place for his chili entry. Larry Flottman took home the bowl and ladle as the first-place winner of our First Annual Chili Cook-Off. Congratulations!

Thank you all for the cards and notes for pastor appreciation. I am so touched by your comments and kind words. I truly am blessed to be in ministry with you all. Helen

Children Sunday School

• Sunday School Classes for Children

- On October 19 Chris Heider and Linda Longino will lead the class on the topics of “Trust and share – all are fed” - Living in Community. We will meet in room 14.

Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes – Join us in the Fireside Room with Paul Laird. He will be teaching a three-week class on **Music in the New Testament**. This will be a “shorter than usual” class as Paul has to leave at 10 for Choir Rehearsal which is **Music in Worship at FPC!**

Pastor Helen's Monday Class This week, Monday October 20th we start a new class called “What Presbyterians Believe.” In this class we will approach subjects that are often avoided in PCUSA (and many mainline churches) and will talk about such themes as Satan, heaven, hell, predestination, second coming, and the rapture. The class meets on Monday afternoon at 2 pm in the Fireside Room.

October 26 – TacoTober Taco Bar and Game Night for Everyone!

Wear a costume and your favorite game to share – or we have some to get things going. Use the Sign Up Genius link to help with items for the Taco Bar. Bring your friends to have a great evening together!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CAAEE2DAAFD0-59021800-church#/>