

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2018

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Dear God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. **Amen.**

Prelude **Adagio** F. Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in the name of the Lord their God,
**All: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!
All: Let us praise the Lord as long as we live and sing praises to God forever.

***Hymn #482** **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

***Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer** Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Amighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge that we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove all the obstacles preventing us from being your faithful representatives to a broken world and awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Friends, say the good news with me...
**All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Gloria Patri** Hymn #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed** Hymnal, p. 14

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Mark 12:28-34 (pew Bible NT, p. 49)
New Testament Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14 (pew Bible NT, p. 223)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

"Our Sacrifice of Thanksgiving and Praise" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #339** **Be Thou My Vision**

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All who trust and believe in Jesus Christ are invited to participate in communion. As we celebrate communion together, you are invited to remain in your seat. A server will present you with a tray of bread; please take a piece and pass the tray down the pew. As you are ready, you may eat the bread. When all have been served the bread, a server will then present a tray of juice; please take a cup and pass the tray down the pew. As you are ready, you may drink and place your empty cup in the pew rack. As you pass the bread and cup to one another, you may offer the bread as the "bread of life" and the cup as the "cup of salvation."

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Bread of Life D. White

O Bread of Life from heaven,
To saints and angels given;
O manna from above!
The souls that hunger, feed Thou,
The hearts that seek Thee, lead Thou,
With Thy sweet, tender love

***Doxology** Hymn #592

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

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn #371** **Lift High the Cross**

*Benediction

*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Postlude **Postlude on "Now Thank We All Our God"** **F. Bock**

Worship Leader: Sally Leslie

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, November 4

9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. MS Youth Group (FH/MS Youth Room)
5:00 p.m. Run/Walk with God (Rear Parking Lot)
5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)
6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group (FH/HS Youth Room)

Monday, November 5

9:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
10:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Team (Library)
4:30 p.m. Care & Nurture Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Prayer Chain Gathering (Library)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

Tuesday, November 6

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Martin-Gifford Room)
9:30 a.m. Young and Not So Young (Library)
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee (Library)
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Officers' Room)
5:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Committee (Bride's Room)
6:00 p.m. Communications Committee (Martin-Gifford Room)
6:30 p.m. Gateway Meal (PW Book Circle)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, November 7

12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)
5:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Committee (Officers' Room)

Thursday, November 8

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
10:30 a.m. WC Morning Devotion
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Ringers (Bell Room)
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for November: Carolyn Sparks 386-3732, Diane Stroud 384-8607 and Katy Nunn 384-0011

The rosebud on the baptismal font today is in celebration of the birth of Caroline "Carrie" Dabney Tucker Mays, born on September 24, 2018. Her parents are Will and Ashley Mays.

The Chancel Flowers: are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of Janie Preston Walton by her children, Stannard and Alan Preston.

Care & Nurture Notecard Sale: Beginning today, Sunday, November 4, two different packets of 8 notecards highlighting the beauty of FPC will be available for sale prior to and after worship. Each set is \$10 and proceeds go to support the work of the Care and Nurture Committee throughout the year.

Celebrate the Power of Prayer: The Prayer Chain will be gathering Monday, November 5 @ 6 p.m. (Library). Guest speaker will be Assoc. Pastor Chad McCain. All are welcome to attend.

Salvation Army Bell-Ringers Needed: The Service & Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help ring the bell during the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign December 10 – 12 at Kroger on Boonsboro Road. Sign up today on the table just off the Foyer.

Men's Fellowship: Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) \$10. *Family Scouting*, with guest speaker Al Baker. All are welcome. Please sign up by Monday, November 12 in the hallway off the Foyer.

Holy Motion: A program for all senior adults. Join us Wednesday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall) for *Praise & Thanks*, a time of devotion and music with students of the Weekday School. If you need a ride, please contact the church at 384-6231 by noon on Tuesday, November 13.

Community Thanksgiving: A joint worship service with FPC, Peakland United Methodist Church, and St. John's Episcopal Church will be held at Peakland UMC on Tuesday, November 20 @ 7:30 p.m. Assoc. Pastor Chad McCain will be preaching.

Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpcl.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.



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