

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Little Ones: Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during worship.

Children's Worship Bulletins: These are available along with activity packets in the Narthex. Ask a Greeter for one.

Godly Play: Children in preschool through elementary school-age are invited to attend Godly Play worship in Room 340 following the Blessing of the Children.

WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.

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LITURGICAL ART

First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. We are currently in the season of Pentecost or Ordinary Time, which lasts from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. The color GREEN symbolizes the renewal of living things and the promise of new life and growth for the Church. The DOSSAL CURTAIN, behind the Cross, and the paraments on the pulpit and lectern visually depict a saying of Jesus: *"Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters"* -John 7:30. It also reminds us of the words *"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* -Amos 5:24. The TREE OF LIFE, on either side of the Chancel depicts Revelation 22:2 *"On either side of the river was the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."* The vision of artist Don Beck remains a formative influence on the worship life of First Presbyterian Church.

***Honoring our heritage, we are a dynamic body
welcoming all to Christ's spacious table, illumined
to serve God with imagination and love.***

Please turn off all mobile and electronic devices while in the Sanctuary.

**Indicates to rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

*At the sound of
the bells, please
prepare your
hearts and
minds for
worship.*

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, Allegro
Sinfonia from *Scipione*
Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, Moderato

J.S. Bach
G.F. Handel
J.S. Bach

Choral Introit

Cantate Domino
Sing to the Lord a new song.

James Chepponis

*Call to Worship

Siblings in Christ, we are called:

Called to follow Jesus.

What a challenge! What an opportunity!

Called to move, as he did, among the people;

to feel with them; to care for them; to touch them and be touched by them.

Called to name, as he did, the oppressions that destroy our world:

those of which we are already aware

and those injustices we have not yet learned to recognize or to name.

Called to discern those gifts of life

God has hidden deep within each one of us.

Called to discover and to share

those gives of our hearts, our hands, and our whole selves.

Called to place our gifts in God's hands:

the holy hands from which they came.

Called to follow Jesus

and yes, we can answer;

We can follow, because we have been called first to love.

Called to be God's children.

Called by name.

*Opening Hymn #401

Here in This Place
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GATHER US IN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**We confess that from the beginning of time,
we have failed to understand your call to us.**

We have acted as though we are gods in our own lives.

We have acted or failed to act in ways

that have led to injustice and oppression.

We have turned away from you and sought after other gods

—possessions, people, media, and other distractions.

**Forgive us for all the ways in which we have failed
to be faithful to you and our neighbor.
Call us back into the abundant life of loving service that you offer us.**

(Silent Confession)

In your name we pray. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Passing of the Peace**

Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Grateful Response**

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Children are invited to come to the Chancel steps at this time for a Blessing.

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 3rd grade and younger may go to Room 340 for Godly Play.

Blessing of the Children

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur - round you
ev - ery - where, ev - ery - where you may go.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-11, 26-34

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵ Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷ There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸ His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰ He returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where can I turn?" ³¹ Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They had the ornamented robe taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³ He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Anthem

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.*

Ubi Caritas

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen.*

Ola Gjeilo

Ola Gjeilo was born in Norway in 1978 and moved to the United States in 2001 to begin his composition studies at the Juilliard School in New York City. He currently lives in Laguna Beach, California.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jessica Commeret

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

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Confirmation Liturgy

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Professing Our Faith Together:

God is the giver of faith to anyone who seeks it. God is accepting.

God does not discriminate nor judge people based on their ethnicity nor their beliefs. God is loving and wise.

Jesus is gracious. He helped and guided people no matter what their situation or background.

He continued to do so even if people did not show him love or compassion.

Jesus was selfless. He gave his own life to free us from our sins.

The Holy Spirit is everywhere. It is something that you feel inside to help you make decisions and talk with God.

The Church is a place people can be safe. The Church is also people working together on a mission and spreading God's word.

The BIBLE is a code of teachings to help me learn the way of the Lord and how to respect and love others, as well as myself.

We can serve God by letting God use us as instruments to fulfill his desire for peace, love, justice, and compassion.

Call to Discipleship: *Matthew 25:34-40*

Pastor: Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Congregation: Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

Pastor: And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Blessing and Charge

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Andante from *Bernice*

G.F. Handel

*Doxology

Praise to God the Father

DA N'ASE

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spir - it; praise to the Three - in - one. Sing
praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

*Prayer of Dedication

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The musical score is written in 3/2 time and consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'A - men, a - men.' The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

Messages for the Life of the Community

*Closing Hymn #694

Great God of Every Blessing
See page 11

AURELIA

*Benediction

Postlude

Finale Jubilante

Healy Willan

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Jessica Commeret

Director of Music: Clinton Miller

**Director of
Connectional Ministry:** Leslee Kirkconnell

Musicians: Chancel Choir; GatherRing Handbell Choir;
Desra Dabney, flute; Marsha Pendley, cello
FPC Choral Scholars: Joicy Carvalho, BK Riha,
Zach Sanford, Cassie Wilson

A/V Technician: Robbie Riffle

HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Opening Hymn #401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B^b F B^b C7

Refrain



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm



liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B^b Gm7 F B^b F



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B^b F B^b



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B^b C7



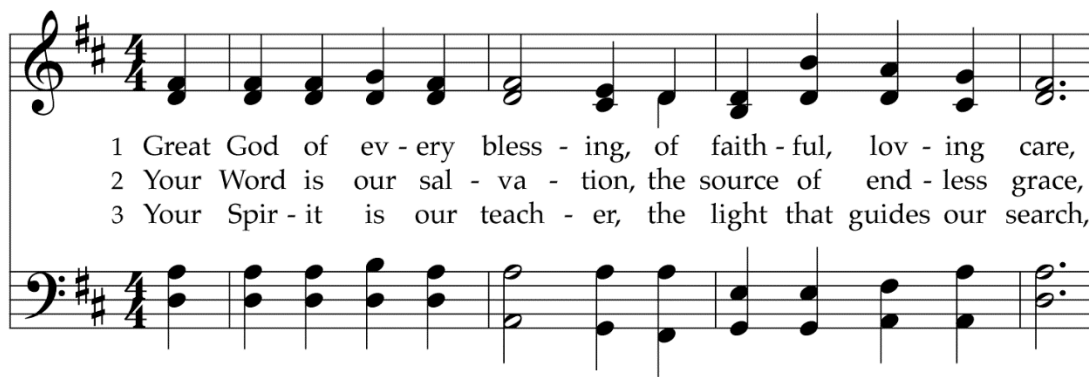
kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b

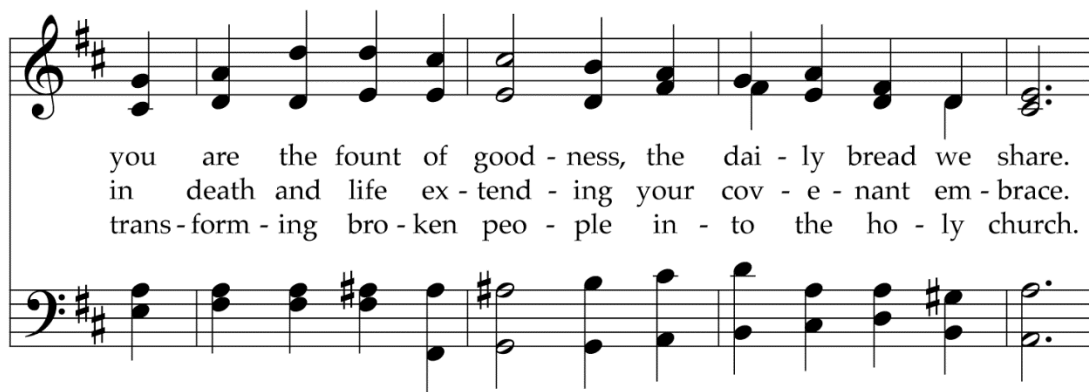


fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

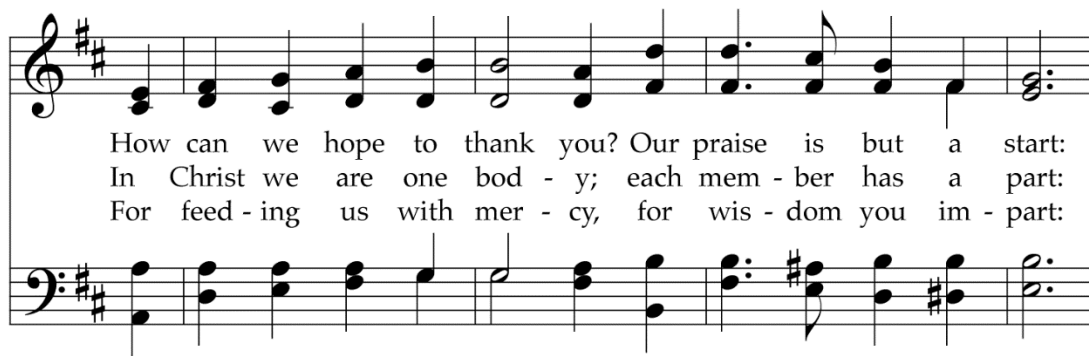
The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.



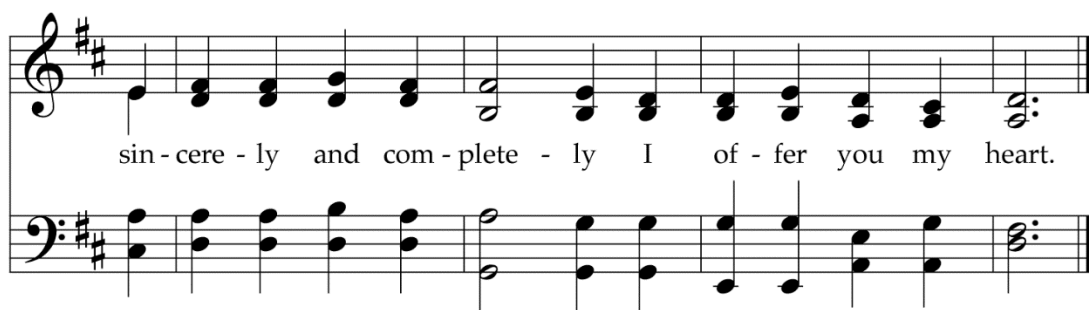
1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 22, 2024

TODAY

Fellowship

We have hot coffee, snacks, and conversations starting at 9:30 a.m. and again following worship every Sunday under the portico (weather permitting) or the Parlor.

Confirmation Sunday

Today, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

We will confirm our five class members during worship: We will confirm our five class members during worship: Tillie Abbott, Addie Lobb, Kenzie Lobb, Bekah Mast, and Miles Myers.

Godly Play

Today's Bible Story: The Great Family

Following Worship

Children and Youth are invited to attend *Worship Explorers!* following worship in the Choir Room.

Reception for Confirmands Plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for a reception celebrating these youth. There will be an opportunity to help create a special gift for each class member. It's a surprise!

MISSION

Freeing Congregational Mission Event

Saturday, September 29, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to this Presbytery-wide event exploring what it means to do mission in partnership. Rev. Bala Khyllep will be the presenter for this event. RSVP by September 20. The cost is \$30 for materials and lunch. Contact the Church Office for more information.

Darrel the Barrel

This month: Latex Gloves (L/XL) and All-Purpose Household Cleaner (Lysol)

City Mission asks for donations for specific items each month to help feed, house, and care for the unhoused in our community. As we go deeper into partnership with them, particularly Martha's Home, filling Darrel will enable them to use their resources more efficiently for all those who seek their help. The Barrel is located in the Narthex.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Seminar Guest Speaker: Rev. Bala Khyllep

Sunday, September 29, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Rev. Khyllep, who will lead the Freeing Congregational Mission Workshop on Saturday, September 28, will also preach in worship that morning and offer our seminar following.

Fall Bible Study

Disciple: Remember Who You Are

Tuesdays, beginning September 10 (12 weeks), 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 209

Facilitator: Pastor Jessie

Cost of the book is \$20.

There is a sign-up sheet outside the Church Office.

Sermon on the Mount: a book by scholar Amy-Jill Levine

Option 1: Mondays, beginning September 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 209

Option 2: Tuesdays, beginning October 1, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Room 209

Facilitators: Leslee Kirkconnell and Elizabeth Wright

Contact Leslee Kirkconnell

There is a sign-up sheet outside the Church Office.

Women of Faith

Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor

This group is open to all women. The only requirement is a desire to continue your faith journey. We discuss a variety of spiritual studies.

This group will meet on Tuesdays beginning October 1 to join the book study, Sermon on the Mount.

WORSHIP

Guest Preacher: Rev. Bala Khyllep

Sunday, September 29, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Khyllep, who will lead the Freeing Congregational Mission Workshop on Saturday, September 28, will be preaching in worship this morning and offer our seminar following.

Sanctuary Flowers for Fall 2024

A sign-up sheet to provide Sanctuary flowers is posted on the bulletin board, and a number of dates remain available. Please select the Sunday(s) you would like to provide Sanctuary flowers.

MISSION (Continued)

Martha's Home Campaign

FPC has chosen to become a Founder of Martha's Home in partnership with City Mission to create a sustainable housing option for women with children with special needs of housing, advocacy, counseling, and referral services. As a Founder, FPC has pledged to contribute \$100,000 by May 2026 to help pay for the cost of renovations, outfitting, and two-year of operations at Martha's Home.

We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this important ministry of City Mission with a gift made once or over time, to be completed by May 31, 2026. For more information on how to contribute, contact the Church Office or use the QR code.



Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, December 7, 7:30 a.m., Great Room

FPC hosts four mobile food pantry distributions throughout the year in cooperation with Chopin Hall and other community service organizations to provide food for the hungry throughout our community. To get involved, contact Katie Abbott at katie.n.abbott@gmail.com.

OLDER ADULTS

Onward and Upward

Thursday, October 10, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Onward and Upward is our older adult time of community and features a program every month. Friends are welcome to join!

This group meets on the second Thursdays of the month.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship "Hour"

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and following worship. Under the portico (weather permitting) or in the Parlor.

Join us for coffee, water, treats, and social time to gather with friends and greet one another.

Lunch Bunch

Thursdays, 12:00 p.m., Room 113

Bring your sack lunch and join the fellowship with one another for a causal lunch time every week! On the second Thursdays, this group joins Onward and Upward.

KnitWits

Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Room 113

Bring your needles, yarn, and great spirit to share time together knitting prayer shawls and other crafts.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Sunday Morning Faith Formation

First, Third, and Fourth Sundays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Choir Room

The first Sunday of each month is *Motion & Movement*—having sat in worship for an hour this is an opportunity to move our bodies and expend some energy with exciting games and activities. Second Sundays of the month we all join in the Community Dinner. The third and fourth (and fifth) Sundays, youth and children will join *Worship Explorers!* where children and youth will learn about parts of our worship experience, creating musical ventures in our worship service, lead prayers and readings, and help tell our Biblical stories in creative ways. Contact Clint Miller for more information.

Second Sundays, 11:00 a.m., Great Room

Children and Youth have the opportunity to assist with preparing and serving the Community Dinner.

Third Sunday Evening Gatherings

Sunday, October 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

We begin with dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by a brief worship service. Following the service, a time of Christian Formation begins for all ages. Jessica Commeret will lead adults, Leslee Kirkconnell will lead youth, and Meg Ramlow will lead children K-5th grade. Childcare will be provided for those 4 years old and younger following dinner.

Youth will stay until 7:30 p.m.

Youth Lock-In

Saturday, October 12, 4:00 p.m.- Sunday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

All youth currently 6th-12th grades are invited to join us for our first Presbytery-wide lock-in. We will enjoy fellowship, worship, service, and lots of fun! Friends are welcome! Contact Leslee Kirkconnell.

ReKindle Youth Retreat

Friday, November 8-Sunday November 10, Kirkmont Center

Registration for the annual Presbytery-wide youth retreat (6th-12th grade) is open! *The Language of Love* is our theme, and youth will enjoy fun, faith, and fellowship. Visit <https://maumeevp.org/rekindle-2024-youth-retreat/> to register – prices increase October 1. We will be going as a group this year. Contact Leslee Kirkconnell.

MomCo Meet & Eat

Friday, October 4, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Room 117

Working Moms are invited to join us monthly to share fellowship over lunch. Bring your lunch and enjoy a time connecting with other working moms. Contact Leslee Kirkconnell.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Choir Room

Lend your voice to the chorus! The Chancel Choir sings at the 10:00 a.m. worship services during the program year.

GatherRing Handbell Choir

Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Sanctuary

All you need to know is how to read rhythms and know your right hand from your left hand. This is a great way to work together as a team to create beautiful music for our worship services.

Contact Clint Miller to get involved!

GET CONNECTED

Scan the code to read our weekly E-News Connections.

You can also read on the bulletin board outside the Church Office, in your email, and on Facebook.



CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

(Continued)

MomCo Meet Up Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall; Child Care beginning 8:45 a.m. in Room 107C.

We continue our monthly meet up of moms of all-age children. Childcare is provided with RSVP by Monday, October 14. Refreshments, fellowship, community. Join us! Contact Leslee Kirkconnell.

ONLINE GIVING

To the right is a QR Code. You can open the camera on your smartphone and be connected to our Giving page via a link pop up. We encourage you to use this method to give as we pass the offering plate. Thank you!



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Meet our Confirmation Class

Mathilde (Tillie) Grace Abbott was born on September 20. She was baptized on March 27, 2011 by the Reverend Patrick Cherry at First Presbyterian Church, Findlay Ohio. Her liturgical color is green. Her mentor is Tracy Kennedy.



Addison (Addie) Jane Lobb was born on July 7. She was baptized on January 11, 2009 by the Reverend Daniel Hrach at First Presbyterian Church, Findlay Ohio. Her liturgical color is green and her mentor is Al Holtzscher.

Kenzie Brook Lobb was born on April 8. She was baptized on June 20, 2011 by the Reverend Daniel Hrach at First Presbyterian Church, Findlay, Ohio. Her liturgical color is white. Her mentor is Janet Holtzscher.



Rebekah Grace Mast was born on December 16. She was baptized on January 10, 2010 by the Reverend Daniel Hrach at First Presbyterian Church, Findlay, Ohio. Her liturgical color is Blue. Her mentor is Beth Neimeyer.



Miles Everett Myers was born on September 11. He was baptized on January 22, 2012 by the Reverend Ann Palmerton at the Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio. His liturgical color is green. His mentor is Char Ebersole.

The Sacrament of Baptism is one of two sacraments of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Like the Lord's Supper, Baptism is an outward sign of an inward grace. God is at work in our sacraments, with the pastor leading the liturgy.

Baptisms are part of a regular public worship service, since the congregation has an important role to play. When a child or adult is presented for baptism, the congregation agrees to help nurture that individual in the faith. While families are the primary faith educators, the wider congregation is also 'family' and has a solemn responsibility to pray with and for, to teach, to love, to serve the newly baptised person. Faith is more caught than taught, so we must be Christ to each other: loving, caring, forgiving, growing together. This holy work never ends!

Confirmation is the time in an individual's faith journey when they are affirming for themselves the vows made at their baptism. Since many are baptised as infants, this is the time to say 'yes' to following Jesus, growing, learning, serving, loving. While youth are the most common group to 'do' confirmation, it is not limited by age. Generally adults who are baptised also make a profession of faith, which in essence also 'confirmation.' Our five youth will affirm the vows made when they were very young and be commissioned to serve. This is a continuing step on the journey of faith, not an ending. While they will continue their relationship with their mentors, they still need all of us to love, to pray with and for, to support, as they continue to grow in love of God and Jesus Christ. So you can: pray for them, greet them by name, participate in the activities they offer - service projects, fundraisers, Christmas mission projects and more!

Please be sure to join us in Fellowship Hall following worship. We will celebrate our newest members with cake and an opportunity for you to decorate with loving words (and your name!) a keepsake pillowcase.

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