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October 20, 2024



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October 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Service

#### **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

Prolude

hearts and minds for

worship.

Prelude Melody, Opus 17, No. 3

Alexandre Guilmant

Choral Introit Cantate Domino

James Chepponis

Sing to the Lord a new song.

\*Call to Worship

We worship the God who chooses to lift up, chooses to give and take away, chooses to turn things around, give us a blessing today:

the blessing of attention the blessing of letting go of control, the blessing of trust.

Hear us, O God, and may we hear you today, too, in the good and the hard, the upside down, and the impossible possibility.

Let us worship God.

\*Opening Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
See page 10

FAITHFULNESS

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know when we have hurt another. We know when we have acted against your rule of love. We know when we have neglected to do something that would help another person or help the world. We know that we sin. We also know that you love us, and forgive us, and call us to forgive others. So help us in all of this, so that we truly are your partners in service and mission.

(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

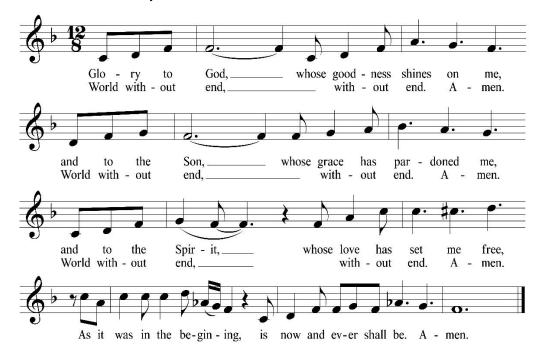
Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

### \*Grateful Response

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me



#### Celebration of 50-Year Members and 90 Year Milestone

### God of all ages:

we thank you for the faithful witness of your apostles, prophets, and martyrs throughout the history of your church and throughout the world even today.

## Through their witness we see and hear your truth.

We bless you for all who bless your name through their writing, speaking, art, and music.

### Through their work we glimpse your beauty.

We praise you for all who serve you without recognition or honor, offering encouragement to the lonely, the sick, and the fearful.

### Through their lives we see your faithfulness and sense your comfort.

Now we pray that you will use even us to reflect the glory we see in Christ.

May the voices of all your saints, made holy in Christ, swell in joyous praise to you, the giver of all good gifts,

through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

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

Blessing of the Children



#### **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 148

All: Praise the Lord!

Side A: Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Side B: Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host!

Side A: Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

Side B: Praise him, you highest heavens

and you waters above the heavens!

Side A: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

Side B: He established them forever and ever;

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Side A: Praise the Lord from the earth,

you sea monsters and all deeps,

Side B: fire and hail, snow and frost,

stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Side A: Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

Side B: Wild animals and all cattle,

creeping things and flying birds!

Side A: Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

Side B: Young men and women alike,

old and young together!

Side A: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

Side B: He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him.

All: Praise the Lord!

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude, Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude. Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, For God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His praises while I live All of my days. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, Blessed is the one who praises Him. Lauda, Lauda, Laude And walks in His ways. I will lift up my eyes To the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord Singing Lauda, Laude. For the Lord is my shade, Is the shade upon my right hand, And the sun shall not smite me by day Nor the moon by night. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude, And walks in His ways. Lauda, Laude. All of my days.

#### Zach Sanford, soloist

#### Second Lesson

I Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

<sup>9</sup> After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup> She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup> In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Hannah prayed and said,
"My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies

because I rejoice in your victory.

<sup>2</sup>There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you;

there is no Rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup> Talk no more so very proudly;

let not arrogance come from your mouth,

for the Lord is a God of knowledge,

and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.

<sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,

but she who has many children is forlorn.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord kills and brings to life;

he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord makes poor and makes rich;

he brings low; he also exalts.

<sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup>He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked will perish in darkness, for not by might does one prevail.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord! His adversaries will be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Hymn #292

Sermon

As the Wind Song
See page 12

WAIRU TAPU

Rev. Jessica Commeret

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

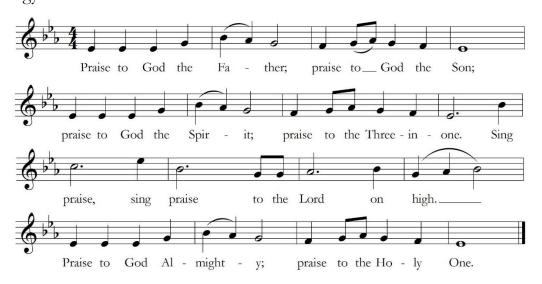
Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace, you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life, I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.

\*Doxology Praise to God the Father

DA N'ASE



\*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;

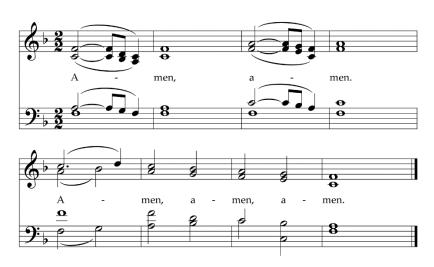
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response #600

Amen

African-American



#### SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

Messages of the Life of Our Community

\*Closing Hymn #100

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout See page 14

\*Benediction

Postlude

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

The flowers for worship are given by the Waaland families in thanksgiving of family.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor: Rev. Jessica Commeret

**Director of Music:** Clinton Miller

Lay Reader: Lark McCormick

Director of

Connectional Ministry: Leslee Kirkconnell

Musicians: Chancel Choir; GatherRing Handbell Choir;

Desra Dabney, flute

FPC Choral Scholars: Joicy Carvalho, BK Riha,

Zach Sanford, Cassie Wilson

**A/V Technician:** Robbie Riffle



\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.





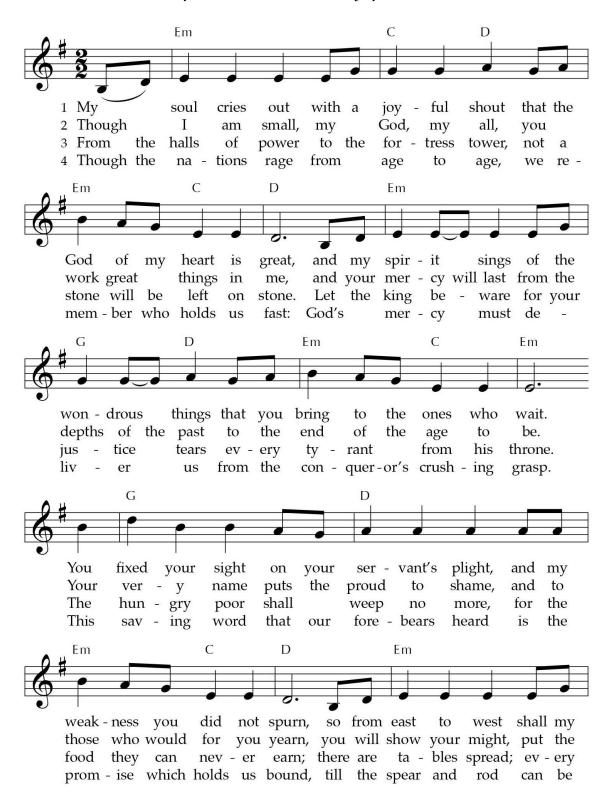
Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 2004; Chinese trans. Ee Suen Wong, 2005 MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 2004
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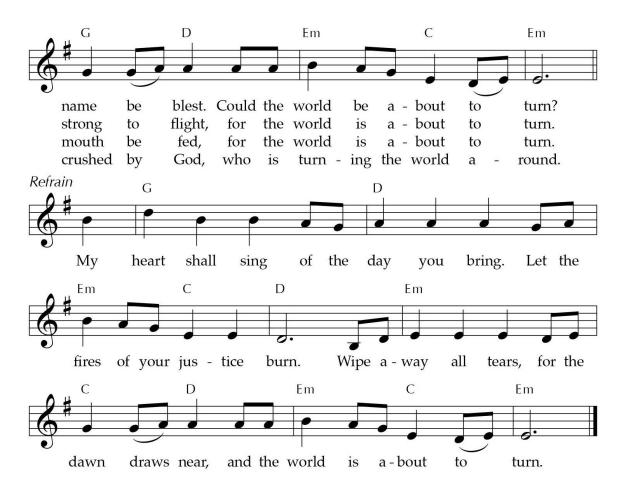
WAIRUA TAPU Irregular



### My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout



By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46–55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

October 20, 2024

#### **TODAY**

#### **Fellowship**

We have coffee, snacks, and conversations starting at 9:30 a.m. and again following worship every Sunday in the Parlor.

#### **Godly Play**

Today's Bible story: The Ark and the Tent (God's presence in the Tabernacle, based on Exodus 25-31, 35-40).

#### Following Worship

## **Lifelong Faith Celebration Reception Fellowship Hall**

We celebrate those congregation members who have been members for 50 years and those who celebrate 90 years of life! This year's 50-year members are: Susan Gray, Maureen Hall, Don & Marie Louden-Hanes, Al & Janet Holtzscher, Tracy Kennedy, John Kilpatrick, and Rik & Ginny Laiho. Our members celebrating 90 years of life are: Jim Roberts and Chuck Lyon.

#### **FPC Men's Group to Start**

#### 11:15 a.m., Room 214

There's been interest in having a men's group at FPC, so we're having an initial meeting to determine a time to gather, as well as activities and/or study all men would like to see. The group is open to all men of any age. We will meet in Room 214. If you cannot come to the meeting but are interested, please contact Curt Hugunin.

## Mission Trip 2025 Informational Meeting 11:15-11:45 a.m., Room 211

Come and learn more about our intergenerational mission trip to Appalachia June 8-14, 2025. Handouts available if you can't stay!

Contact: Pastor Jessie

#### **Worship Explorers!**

All children and youth, meet with Clint in the Choir Room following worship.

## Family Faith Formation

#### 5:00-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

All families are welcome to join us for a meal and to engage the theme of "Welcoming All". The meal is provided so just bring you and your families!

#### **TODAY** (Continued)

### **Church Leadership Nominations**

It's that time of year when we look for interested folks to help lead the wonderful work of the church! Giving back of our treasures, time and talents is what helps the church be vibrant! If you have time and talent you would like to share in the work of the church, there are pew cards you can fill out and drop in the offering or give to an usher. We need to know by next Sunday so we can include you in preparing our slate of candidates. We look forward to serving with you.

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### **Fall Bible Study**

Disciple: Remember Who You Are Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 209

Facilitator: Pastor Jessie Cost of the book is \$20.

## Sermon on the Mount: a book by scholar Amy-Jill Levine Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Room 209

Facilitators: Leslee Kirkconnell and Elizabeth Wright

Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

#### 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.

Women of Faith will join the Sermon on the Mount book study on Tuesdays through November 5.

#### **MISSION**

#### **Darrel the Barrel**

This month: Cream Soups: Mushroom, Chicken, Celery 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.

#### **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: Special Edition Thursday, October 24, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Join us for a special edition brought to us by Findlay City Schools Superintendent Dr. Andy Hatton and Pam Harrington, treasurer, as they share facts around the financial health of the school district. Invite friends, come and learn, and of course, enjoy lunch!

Contact: Pastor Jessie

#### **Onward and Upward**

Thursday, November 14, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

This group meets on the second Thursdays of the month.

#### CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

## Halloween Spooktacular Family Concert Saturday, October 26, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Get into the Halloween holiday spirit prior to Findlay's Trick-or-treating with the sounds of the season. We will be joined by some spooky characters and fun music to get us in the holiday mood. You can help us spread the word by posting a flyer (or two!), sharing the Facebook Event to your Facebook feed, and doing good old-fashioned word-of-mouth advertising!

Contact: Clint Miller

#### Chili Cook Off Mission Trip Fundraiser Sunday, November 3, 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Do you think you have a winning recipe? Let's find out! Our

Mission Team for next summer's trip is hosting a fundraiser. We need your best chili recipe and we will award our first Chili Chef Champion! You can sign up on the board outside the office, go to



PerfectPotluck.com and enter code 1311 to sign up, or use the QR code here. We'll gather and have a chance to try the different chili entries and then you will 'vote' for our champion with your dollars (We suggest a donation of what you would spend on a meal out). All funds go to help offset the trip next summer, you get a delicious meal, delightful fellowship and fun!

Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

## Third Sunday Family Faith Formation Sunday, October 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

We begin with dinner at 5:00 p.m. following food and reflection, we divide up and enjoy a time of Christian Formation for ALL ages. Jessica Commeret will lead adults, Leslee Kirkconnell will lead youth, and Meg Ramlow will lead children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Childcare will be provided for those 4 years old and younger following dinner.

Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (Continued)

#### **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. 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, leading 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.

#### **ReKindle Youth Retreat**

## Friday, November 8-Sunday November 10, Kirkmont Center

Register now for the annual Presbytery-wide youth retreat (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). *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. We will be going as a group this year.

Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

#### **Mom Co Events**

#### Meet & Eat

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

For Moms who work and can join us for lunch. Bring your lunch, enjoy fellowship with other Moms. No childcare. Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

#### **Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, November 20, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall; Child Care beginning at 8:45 a.m. in Room 107C.

We continue our monthly meet up with moms of all-age children. Childcare is provided with RSVP by Monday, November 18. Refreshments, fellowship, community. Join us!

Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

#### Mom Co Needs Loving Arms Wednesdays, when Mom Co Meets 8:45-11:45 a.m., Room 107C

We need one volunteer willing to rock babies during our Mom Co Meet Up. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office. Volunteers must have a current background check. 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!

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

#### Fellowship "Hour"

#### Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and following worship in the Parlor

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

Contact: Suzi Healy

#### Sarah Circle

#### Friday, November 15, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Room 112-113

A "circle" is a group that meets for prayer, study, community building, giving and fellowship. Special projects raise funds for our church and mission work. First Presbyterian Church of Findlay has two circles that meet from September through May for fellowship and Bible study. Both support local charities and mission and welcome new members.

Contact: Mary Alice Patrickson

#### **Lunch Bunch**

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

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

Contact: Beth Niemeyer

#### **Knit Wits**

#### 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.

Contact: Deb Watson

#### **GET CONNECTED**

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

If you are signed up to receive our E-News but aren't getting it, please check your spam folder then, if you didn't find it there, 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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