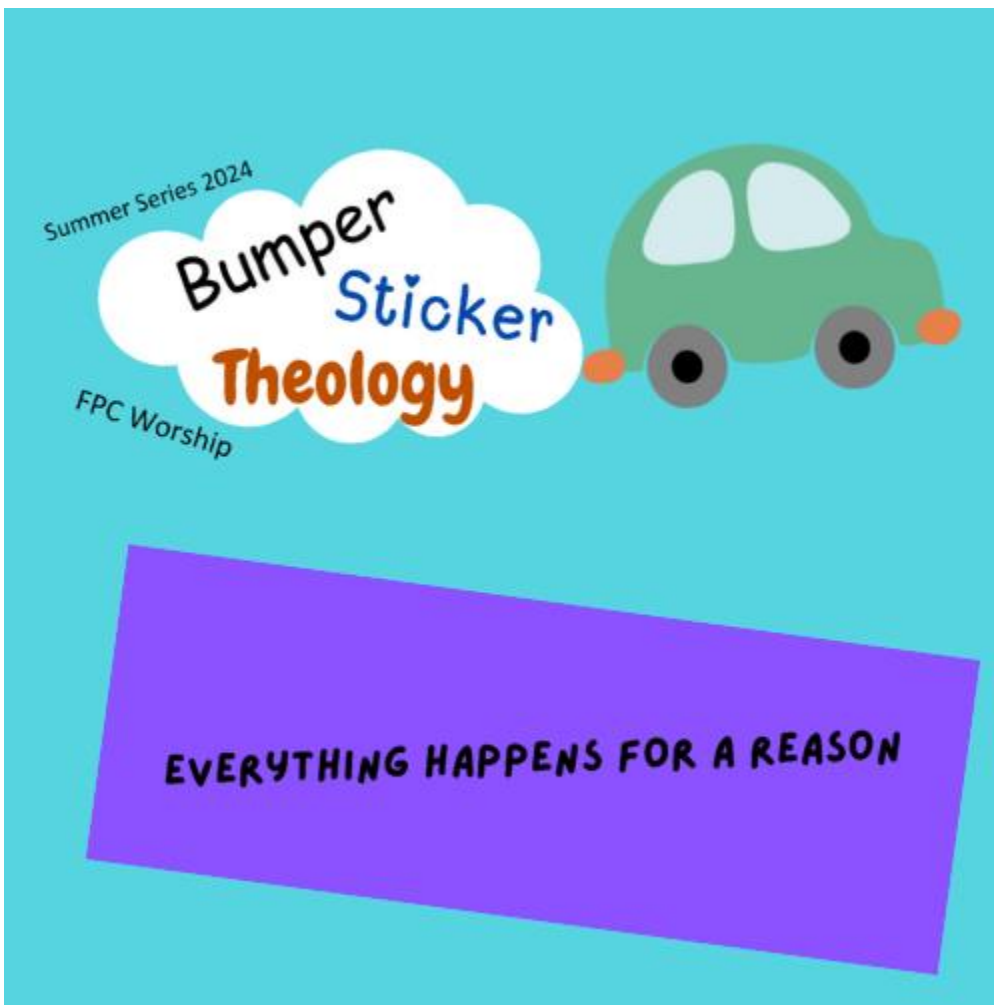


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August 4, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Service

## 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 (under age 4) are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during worship. Check-in begins at 9:20 a.m.

Children who are older preschool through elementary age may come to the Playground during the Grateful Response. Each week there will be an opportunity to do something creative while still being part of worship.

Prelude

Sarabande and March

G.F. Handel

Flute Choir

\* Gathering Song

God Is Here Today

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

God is here to - day; as

cer - tain as the air I breathe, as

cer - tain as the morn - in sun that ris - es, as

cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

\* Opening Prayer

\* Hymn #756 O God of Every Nation

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\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,  
you promise us a life full of blessing,  
but we do not always understand what that means.  
You incite us to hope,  
but we fall back in fear.  
You urge us to give freely,  
but we cling to what we have.  
You call us to watch at all times for you,  
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.**

**Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts  
and keep us alert to the wonders you work  
in the world every day.**

*(Silent Confession)*

In Jesus' 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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\* Grateful Response

Halle, Halle Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

*Refrain*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le -

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

lu - jah!

*Fine*

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die;  
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill and a time to heal;  
a time to break down and a time to build up;  
a time to weep and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek and a time to lose;  
a time to keep and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;  
a time to love and a time to hate;  
a time for war and a time for peace.

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

## Scripture Anthem

## Deep River

arr. H.T. Burleigh

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? Deep  
river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.*

Zach Sanford, soloist

## Second Lesson

## Romans 8:28-39

Pew Bible Pages 919-920

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jessica Commeret

\* Hymn #783

When We Are Tested

ANGELS OF HEALING

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Adiemus, from *Songs of Sanctuary*

Karl Jenkins

Response

Come to the Table

Jennifer Baker-Trinity

**Come to the table, come to the table.**

**All is now ready, come one and all. Come, oh, come.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

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.**

Institution of the Sacrament

Serving of the People

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Please receive the sacrament via the center aisle and return to your seat via the side aisle. The bread is gluten-free and the cup is juice so all may partake.*

Communion Hymn #510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name COME, SHARE THE LORD

Prayer After Communion

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Messages for Our Life in Community

- \* Hymn #740                                      Lead Me, Guide Me                                      LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
- \* Benediction

Postlude                                      Festive Trumpet Tune                                      David German

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastor:** Rev. Jessica Commeret

**Director of Music:** Clinton Miller

**Lay Reader:** Carol Dale-Joseph

**Director of Connectional Ministry:** Leslee Kirkconnell

**Musicians** Zach Sanford, FPC Choral Scholar

Desra Dabney Flute Studio Players:

Ben Beard, Jacob Egts, Mina Gupta, Audrey Kasselmann, Jenna Melroy,

Leonardo Oliveira, Lauren Rader, Lauren Starcher,

**A/V Technician:** Robbie Riffle

**Flowers for worship are given** by Rich and Kim Palmer in honor of their anniversary.

## Announcements

**Mobile Food Pantry is Saturday, August 10, 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.** Katie Abbott coordinates and would love you to sign up outside the office to help. A great all-ages activity!

**Community Dinner** is next Sunday, August 11, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sign up on the board outside the office to help provide for the meal and to volunteer. Plan to stay and share abundant hospitality with our neighbors!

**Summer Choir meets August 11.** Come at 9:00 a.m. to the Sanctuary for rehearsal ahead of worship.

**Fall News & Views Newsletter will be published by mid-month.** All items to be included must be to Leslee Kirkconnell *by tomorrow!*

**Dear Church:** be sure to look at the big bulletin board in the hallway. Our Confirmation Class has written *you* postcards about their journey this summer! We look forward to having them commissioned in worship on September 22.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** will be Sunday, August 25, at our final outdoor worship for the summer. We will have a time of blessing for all our students and educators as they begin this new year of learning. Students can bring their backpacks as desired.

**Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume** Wednesday, August 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. All who would like to sing are welcome to join in!

**GatherRing Handbell Choir Rehearsals** resume Tuesday, August 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Get Connected!** Scan the code to read our weekly Connections Newsletter. You can also read in your email, on Facebook or outside the office.





1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

## Hymn #783

## When We Are Tested

## ANGELS OF HEALING

Capo 2: (Dm) Em (Am) Bm (Dm) Em (Am) Bm

1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

(Em) F#m (B7) C#7 (Em) F#m (Dsus) (D) Esus E

fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

(G) A (D) E (Em7) F#m7 (F) G

nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,


(Am6) Bm6 (C) D (Dm) Em (Am) (E) Bm F#

food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Although the Temptation of Christ is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew 4:1–11/Mark 1:12–13/Luke 4:1–13), this hymn is based on the Lukan version. It is notable that each stanza begins “when,” not “if”; temptation is not an optional feature of the spiritual life.


# Communion Hymn #510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name COME, SHARE THE LORD

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$  (D) F (Em7) Gm7




1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;  
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;  
3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) F (Asus) Csus




his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;  
the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;  
we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) C7 (D) F (A) C (D) F




for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:  
the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:  
now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F *Fine*



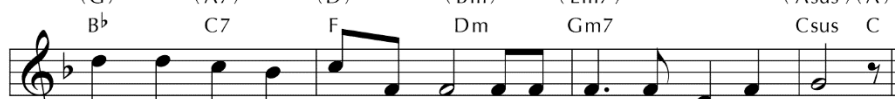
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) C7 (D) F (G) B $\flat$  (A7) C7 (D) F



(1) No one is a strang - er here; 7 ev - ery - one be - longs.  
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) B $\flat$  (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (Asus) Csus (A) C



Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.  
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the  
way, for if you lead me, I can - not  
stray. Lord, let me walk each day with  
thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Fine*

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to  
2. Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness, Be my  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am  
blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just

through the dark - ness thy face to see,  
put - ting all my trust in thee.  
al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*D.C.*

Lead me, O Lord, lead me. \_\_\_\_\_  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. \_\_\_\_\_  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 Epiphany or Ordinary Time, which lasts from Epiphany (January 6) through Ash Wednesday. 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.

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.



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