

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn Sing

September 1, 2024



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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 (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 Prayground during the Grateful Response.

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

Charles Callahan

* Gathering Song

God Is Here Today

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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 #610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession #437

WAYFARING STRANGER

Em D Em Am Em D Em
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Am D C D Em C Em
You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Em D G Am Em D E
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

(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.

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! *Fine*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Pew Bible Page 537

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.**

Hymn Sing

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 #525 Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD

Prayer After Communion

**We accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase:
God's justice and God's peace. Amen.**

Messages for Our Life in Community

* Hymn #36 For the Fruit of All Creation AR HYD Y NOS

* Benediction

Postlude God of Grace Paul Manz

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Jessica Commeret

Director of Music: Clinton Miller

Lay Reader: Ellen Hugunin

Director of Connectional Ministry: Leslee Kirkconnell

Musicians Desra Dabney, flute

A/V Technician: Robbie Riffle

Flowers for worship are given by Larry & Diana Wagar in celebration of their anniversary.

Announcements

Church Office Closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

NEXT Sunday, September 8 worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship will be available at 9:30 a.m. outside in the portico (weather permitting) both before and after worship.

Community Dinner on Sunday, September 8 from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Great Room. This takes the place of our 2nd Hour Faith Formation. 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!

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



Godly Play resumes Sunday, September 8. All children from older preschool through 5th grade are invited to join Heidi Croy following the Blessing of the Children in worship. Come hear and wonder about the Bible story.

Freeing Congregational Mission Book Zoom begins this Wednesday, September 4 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Pastor Jessie will email the link to those who signed up.

Presbytery Event on Freeing Congregational Mission is Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for this time with the Rev. Bala Khylllep who will help us explore what it means to do mission in partnership. RSVP by September 20. Cost is \$30 for materials and lunch.

Mom Co returns Wednesday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Formerly MOPS, we are beginning a new Moms Meet-Up on the third Wednesday each month in Fellowship Hall. Childcare (RSVP only) for infants to preschoolers is available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 107C. Please share with the moms in your circle and invite them to check us out! Contact Leslee Kirkconnell for more information.

Onward & Upward resumes Thursday, September 12 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our talented musical trio of Clint Miller, Desra Dabney and Marsha Pendley will play for us. We will also enjoy lunch fellowship, so please RSVP by Tuesday, September 10 by signing up on the board outside the office, calling the office or emailing info@findlayfpc.org. Invite your friends!

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

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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