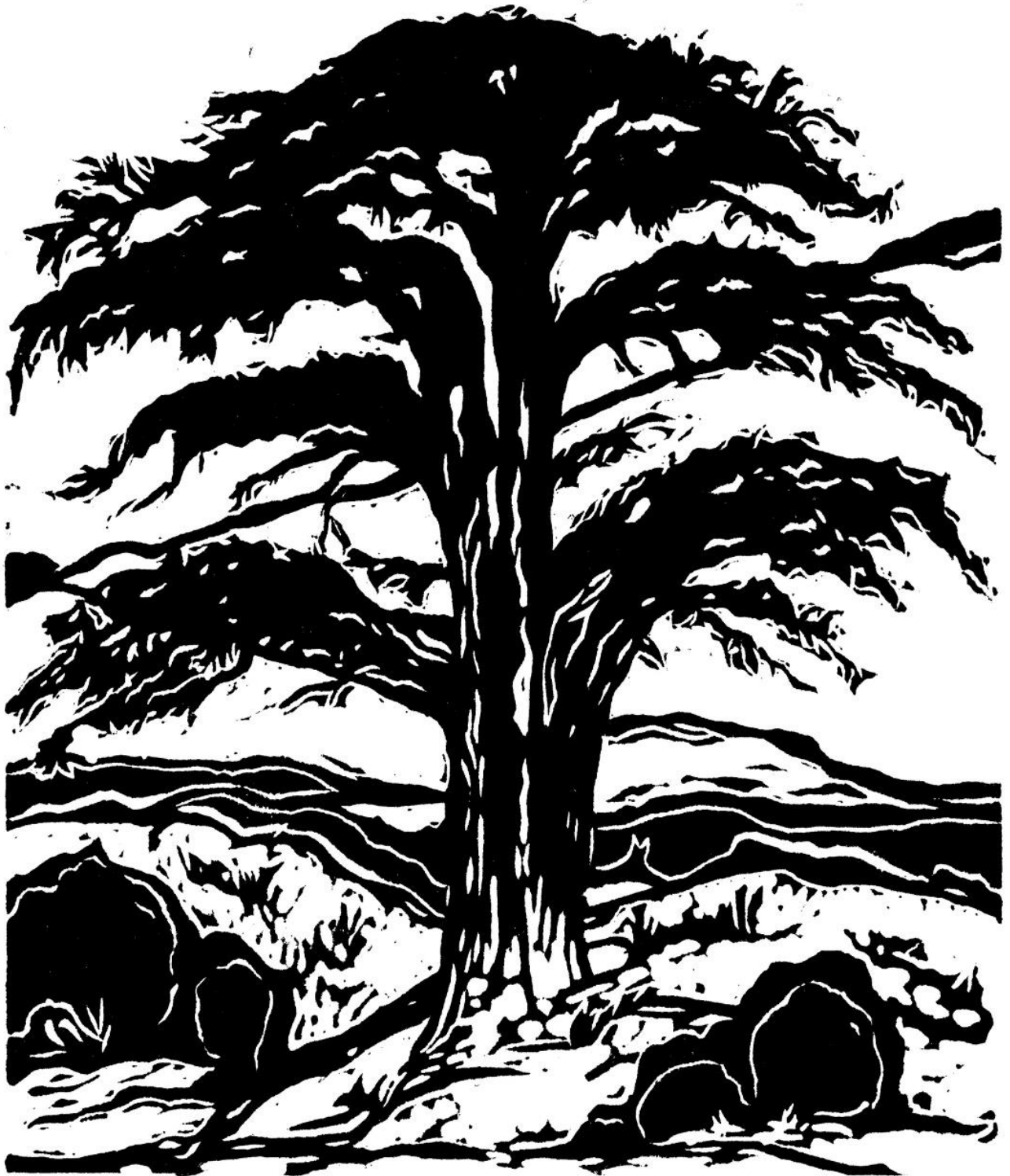


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2330 SOUTH MAIN STREET FINDLAY, OH 45840 FINDLAYFPC.ORG

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September 29, 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
hearts and
minds for
worship.*

*Rubrics are the
instructions
found in the
Book of
Common Prayer
used in the
Anglican
liturgy. Today's
prelude centers
around the
passing of the
peace in
thanksgiving for
our Baptismal
promises.*

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

“The Peace may be exchanged,” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

Choral Introit

Cantate Domino

James Chepponis

Sing to the Lord a new song.

*Call to Worship

O Lord, our Lord, there are many places we could go this morning,
but we have desired to come to your house.

There are many voices to which we can listen,
but we desire to hear your voice.

It would be easy to scatter,
but we have chosen to gather.

We need to behold your beauty,
to inquire in your temple,
to be wrapped in your love,
and to experience your renewing Spirit.

Come close, Lord Jesus,
to fill us and renew us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #733

ES FLOG EN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

We All Are One in Mission

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to
you the fullness of our lives –**

**that which is beautiful and good,
and that which is hurtful and hateful.**

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ
in love and service.**

(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

Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.**
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.**
¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation. Amen.**

The text for this anthem is a poem by English poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England, George Herbert (1593-1633). He is recognized as "one of the foremost British devotional lyricists" whose poetry is associated with the writings of the metaphysical poets.

Scripture Anthem

The Call

David Ashley White

Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

Second Lesson

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Sermon

It's Not About Us

Rev. Bala Khylllep

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

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Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

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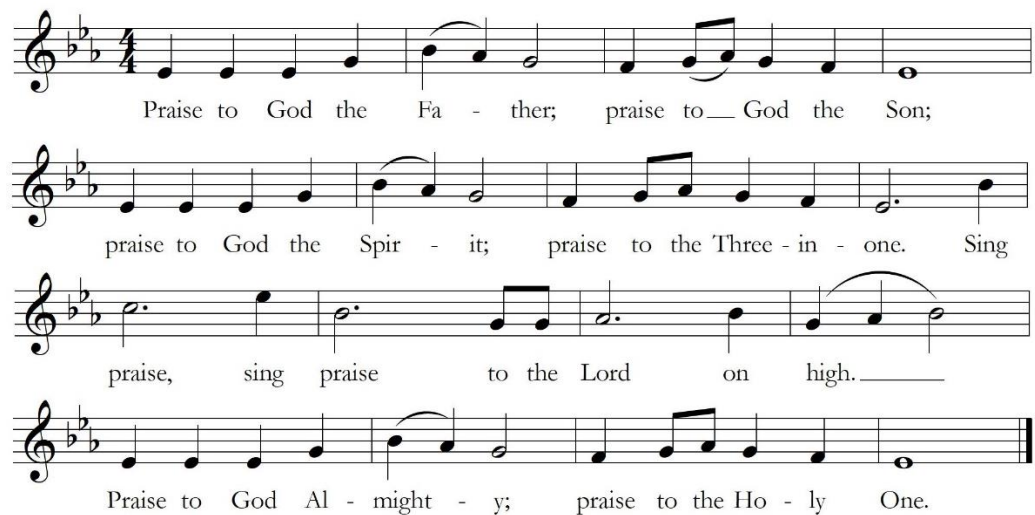
Bradley Phillips

Jesus loves me, of this I know. Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, They are weak, but his is so strong. Yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me, Alleluia. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

*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.**

*We encourage
you to use the
QR code to
make your
financial
contribution.
Thank you!*



Prayer Response #600

Amen

African-American



SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

*Hymn #744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

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*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on *Old 100th*

Fred Bock

The flowers for worship are given by Liz Wickard and
Emily Moor in loving memory of Mary Blide.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Jessica Commeret
Director of Music:	Clinton Miller
Lay Reader:	Carol Dale-Joseph
Director of Connectional Ministry:	Leslee Kirkconnell
Musicians:	Chancel Choir; GatherRing Handbell Choir; FPC Choral Scholars: Joicy Carvalho, BK Riha, Zach Sanford, Cassie Wilson
A/V Technician:	Robbie Riffle

Today we welcome guest preacher Rev. Bala Khyllap. As acting Director of the World Mission Initiative, at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Bala leads the mission focus at the Seminary that seeks to engage students in what God is doing in the world through short-term cross-cultural mission experiences and institutional partnerships. Bala grew up in Northeast India. He belongs to a Khasi people group, which is an indigenous group that was evangelized by the Welsh Presbyterian missionaries in the 1840s. He attended Shillong College, India, for his Bachelor of Science; Serampore College, India, for his Bachelor of Divinity (equivalent to M.Div.); and Princeton Theological Seminary for his Master of Theology. Prior to joining WMI, Bala co-pastored a church along with his wife in Britton, South Dakota.

HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Opening Hymn #733

ES FLOG EN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.
 MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904
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ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN
 7.6.7.6.D

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

TEXT: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.

MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Betty Pulkingham

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THE SERVANT SONG

8.7.8.7



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
 Text © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.

FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 29, 2024

TODAY

Fellowship

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

Godly Play

Today's Bible story: The Passover of God's People

Adult Seminar Guest Speaker: Rev. Bala Khyllep

Today, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Rev. Khyllep, who led the Freeing Congregational Mission Workshop yesterday will offer our seminar.

Worship Explorers!

Today, 11:00 a.m., Choir Room

Today, we will prepare to participate in two songs for next week's worship service and learn about how and why we gather as a worshipping community together.

Next Sunday: Scavenger Hunt!

Do Unto Others: be a part of the movement.

Grab a sign on your way out of worship and join churches across the country inviting our neighbors to be kind and compassionate to one another during this politically divisive time. Our faith calls us to witness to others that we can be different—we can love one another.

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.

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Education Seminar: Do Unto Others Campaign

Sunday, October 6, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Fall Bible Study

Disciple: Remember Who You Are

Tuesdays, (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 Tuesdays, beginning October 1, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Room 211

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.

Women of Faith will join the Sermon on the Mount book study on Tuesdays beginning October 1.

WORSHIP

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.

OLDER ADULTS

Onward and Upward

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

Join us for a viewing of "A Case for Love," which aims to challenge the national narrative of division. This feature-length documentary examines the question of whether or not love, specifically—unselfish—love, is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the world. We'll discuss over lunch afterward!

Contact: Pastor Jessie, jcommeret@findlayfpc.org

MISSION

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Sunday, October 6, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

One of four special offerings, we hear the call to peace and peacemaking.

25% of this offering stays with us for our local peacemaking efforts. You can use the envelope that will be in the pew or scan the QR code to give. Learn more at specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness.



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.



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.

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.

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Sunday Morning Faith Formation

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

October 6 – Scavenger Hunt!

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

Third Sunday of the month, 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 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! RSVP by October 6. 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.

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!



MUSIC MINISTRY (continued)

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.



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