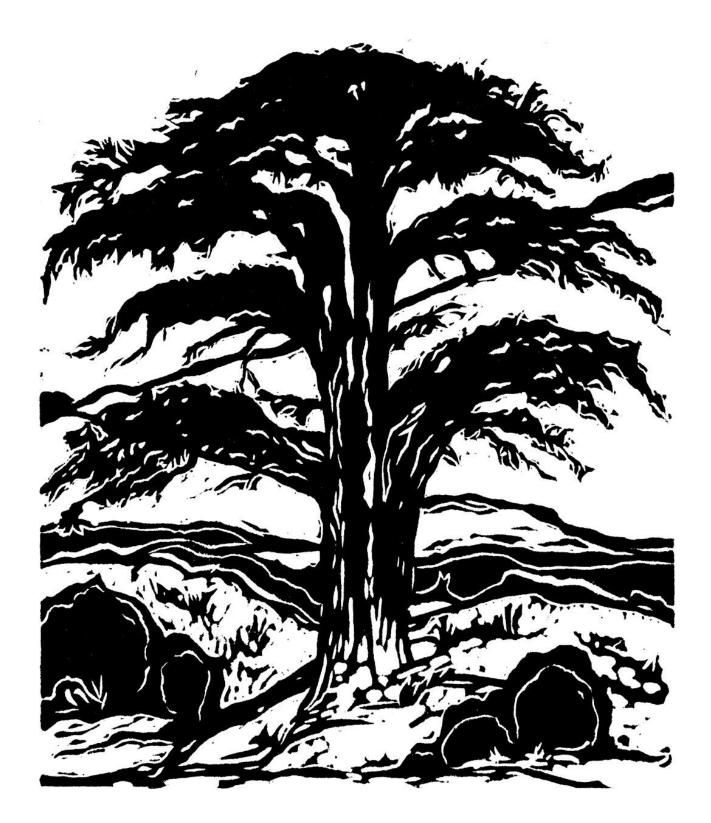
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# WELCOME TO FPC

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.

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with all who have prayed to recognize your goodness in the land of the living, praying to be ancestors who create something beautiful for those still to come.

We seek you, O God, and your forgiveness.

(Silent Confession)

In your name we pray. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

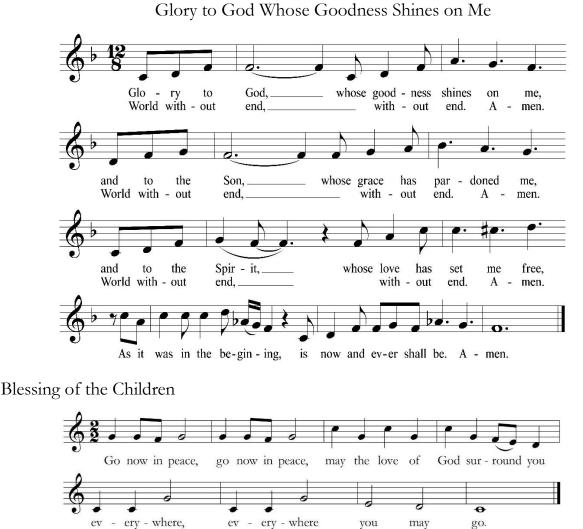
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

\*Passing of the Peace

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

\*Grateful Response

GLORY TO GOD



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

# BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always been a friend to David. 2 Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, 3 "You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until he put them under the soles of his feet. 4 But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. 5 So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.' 6 Therefore command that cedars from the Lebanon be cut for me. My servants will join your servants, and I will give you whatever wages you set for your servants, for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Scripture Anthem

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give him, my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; he has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Offertory

# Second Lesson

I Kings 8: 22–30, 41-43, 52–60a

I Kings 5:1-6

John Ness Beck

22 Solomon stood before the Lord's altar in front of the entire Israelite assembly and, spreading out his hands toward the sky, 23 he said:

Lord God of Israel, there's no god like you in heaven above or on earth below. You keep the covenant and show loyalty to your servants who walk before you with all their heart. 24 This is the covenant you kept with your servant David, my father, which you promised him. Today, you have fulfilled what you promised. 25 So now, Lord, Israel's God, keep what you promised my father David, your servant, when you said to him, "You will never fail to have a successor sitting on Israel's throne as long as your descendants carefully walk before me just as you walked before me." 26 So now, God of Israel, may your promise to your servant David, my father, come true.

27 But how could God possibly live on earth? If heaven, even the highest heaven, can't contain you, how can this temple that I've built contain you? 28 Lord my God, listen to your servant's prayer and request, and hear the cry and prayer that your servant prays to you today. 29 Constantly watch over this temple, the place about which you said, "My name will be there," and listen to the prayer that your servant is praying toward this place. 30 Listen to the request of your servant and your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Listen from your heavenly dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive!

41 Listen also to the immigrant who isn't from your people Israel but who comes from a distant country because of your reputation— 42 because they will hear of your great reputation, your great power, and your outstretched arm. When the immigrant comes and prays toward this temple, 43 then listen from heaven, where you live, and do everything the immigrant asks. Do this so that all the people of the earth may know your reputation and revere you, as your people Israel do, and recognize that this temple I have built bears your name.

52 Let your eyes be open to the plea of your servant and to the plea of your people Israel, listening to them whenever they call to you. 53 For you have separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be your heritage, just as you promised through Moses, your servant, when you brought our ancestors out of Egypt, O Lord God."

54 Now when Solomon finished offering all this prayer and this plea to the Lord, he arose from facing the altar of the Lord, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven; 55 he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice:

56 "Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise that he spoke through his servant Moses. 57 The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, 58 but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances that he commanded our ancestors. 59 Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires, 60 so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Understanding Our Crutches Rev. Jessica Commeret

# **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Hymn #43

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord See page 10

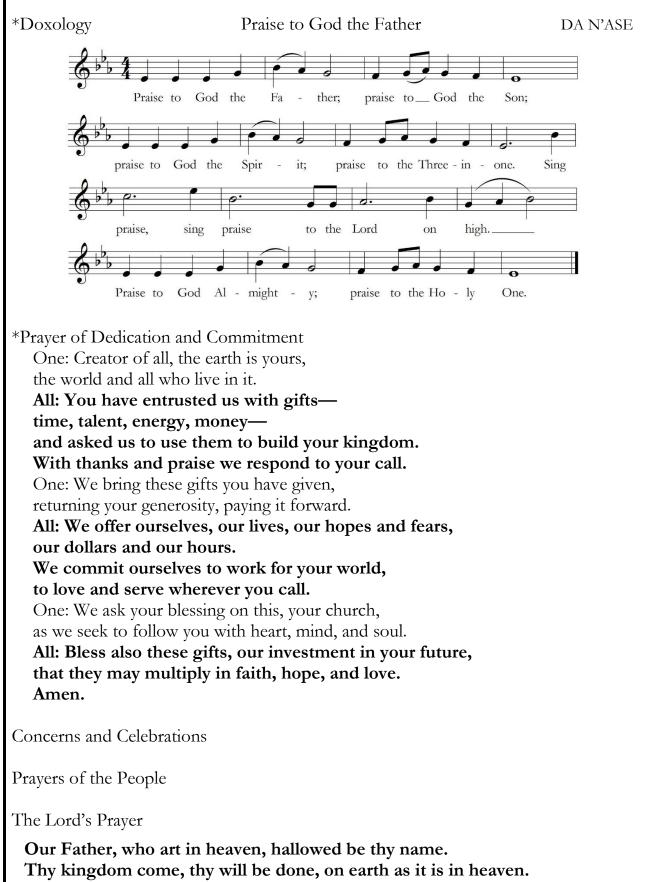
Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Speak, O Lord

arr. John Ferguson

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take our truth; plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness. That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail—let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.



Give us this day our daily bread;

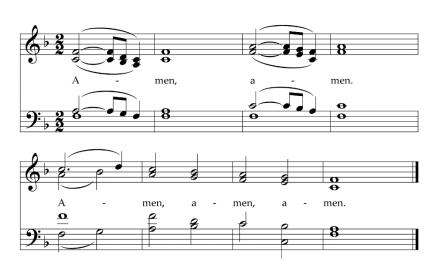
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

# 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

Sing a New Church See page 12 NETTLETON

\*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata, Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

The flowers for worship are given by the Croy family in honor of Cindy and Chris Kuhn's  $50^{\text{th}}$  wedding anniversary.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Jessica Commeret
Director of Music:	Clinton Miller
Lay Reader:	Peggy Lobb
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 #687



5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day. 6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.



Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.

TEXT: Michael Joncas, 1978, alt.

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ON EAGLE'S WINGS Irregular

MUSIC: Michael Joncas, 1978



Sing a New Church



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### October 27, 2024

### TODAY

### Fellowship

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

### **Godly Play**

Today's Bible story: The Ark and the Temple (A House for God, based on 1 Kings 5-8, 2 Chronicles 2-8).

# A Future with Hope

### Stewardship Campaign

#### **Commitment Sunday, TODAY**

We will dedicate our commitments to God and each other today during worship. A letter, budget summary, pledge card, and prayer have been mailed and emailed. Your Stewardship and Finance Committee asks each of us to prayerfully consider our commitment. You can also fill out your pledge on-line at findlayfpc.org.

### Following Worship

### Worship Explorers!

Youth and children may join Clint following worship in the choir room

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Adult Faith Formation

#### Fellowship Hall, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

"Polarization, Community & Change" Join Pastor Jessie in conversation.

# OLDER ADULTS

### **Onward and Upward**

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

"Senior Show & Tell" Bring something you collect to share (we'll have tables so you can bring some examples) or pictures and tell us why, how, where and any other interesting facts about your collection. Lunch provided, sign up outside the office and invite your friends (they can bring their collectables too)!

# 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 through November 5.

# MISSION

#### **Community Dinner**

#### Sunday, November 10, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Great Room

The Community Dinner outreach provides a nutritious home-cooked meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month to the Findlay community. Volunteers meet at 9:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday to prep the meal. The Community Dinner is a great way to show God's love through the gift of food and fellowship. Sign up to help outside the Church Office. Our menu: Sour Cream Noodle bake, tossed salad, applesauce, garlic bread and cookies.

### **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.

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

#### 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. All funds go to help offset the trip next summer, you get a delicious meal, delightful fellowship and fun! Contact Leslee Kirkconnell or Jessie Commeret.

### **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.

### **Third Sunday Evening Gatherings**

#### Sunday, November 17, 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. Youth will stay until 7:30 p.m. Contact: Leslee Kirkconnell

### **ReKindle Youth Retreat**

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

Registration for the annual Presbytery-wide youth retreat (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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. Don't knit, but do other crafts? Every crafter welcome! Contact Deb Watson.

# 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!

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (Continued)

### MomCo Meet Up 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 of moms of all-age children. Childcare is provided. Refreshments, fellowship, community. Join us! Contact Leslee Kirkconnell.

### MomCo Needs Loving Arms

Wednesday, December 11, 8:45-11:45 a.m., Room 107C We need one volunteer willing to rock babies during our MomCo Meet Up. There is a sign-up sheet outside the office. Volunteers must have a current background check. Contact Leslee Kirkconnell.

# WORSHIP

# Worship in the Great Room

### Sunday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. Great Room

Join us in the Great Room for worship on November 10. Dress comfortably and we'll have coffee fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m., invite our neighbors to join us for worship and then share our meal together following. A great opportunity to invite friends!

# **GET CONNECTED**

Scan the code to read our weekly E-News Connections. You can also read in your email.



# **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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