

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025



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September 21, 2025, 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 LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Jessica Commeret
Director of Music:	Clinton Miller
Lay Reader:	Dave Healy
Musicians:	Chancel Choir; GatherRing Handbell Choir; FPC Choral Scholars: Zo Povlsen, BK Riha, Zach Sanford Marsha Pendley, cello; Desra Dabney, flute
A/V Technician:	Robbie Riffle

Flowers for worship are given by Mike Risser in memory of Karen Norton and Beth Sherman.

Please turn off all mobile and electronic devices while in the Sanctuary.

**Indicates to rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

*At the sound of
the bells, please
prepare your
hearts and
minds for
worship.*

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

Trio No. 3 in G Major
Spiritoso

Franz Joseph Haydn

Choral Introit

Ask the Complicated Questions

David Bjorlin

*Ask the complicated questions, do not fear to be found out;
for our God makes strong our weakness, forging faith in fires of doubt.*

*Call to Worship

In the darkest valley,
at the banquet table;
in the hard work of life,
at the moments of ease;
in our day-to-day reality,
at times set aside—
like this time, now—
for worship, for listening, for paying attention;
with every step we take:
goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.

*Opening Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin,
you provided new life through your death.
Yet we still worship the false gods of the world,
forgetting that you are Lord.
Loving worldly wealth,
we have not loved you with our whole heart
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Trusting worldly strength,
we have not trusted your word
nor followed the Word-made-flesh.
Forgiving worldly norms,
we have not shown mercy to others
as you have shown mercy to us.
Forgive us yet again.**

(Silent Confession)

We pray this all in the name of Christ. **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 for a brief
blessing.*

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

Blessing of the Children

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

I Corinthians 11:1-15

Pew Bible page 932

² I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions just as I handed them on to you. ³ But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ. ⁴ Any man who prays or prophesies with something on his head shames his head, ⁵ but any woman who prays or prophesies with her head

unveiled shames her head—it is one and the same thing as having her head shaved. ⁶For if a woman will not veil herself, then she should cut off her hair, but if it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut off or to be shaved, she should wear a veil. ⁷For a man ought not to have his head veiled, since he is the image and reflection of God, but woman is the reflection of man. ⁸Indeed, man was not made from woman but woman from man. ⁹Neither was man created for the sake of woman but woman for the sake of man. ¹⁰For this reason a woman ought to have authority over her head, because of the angels. ¹¹Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man or man independent of woman. ¹²For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman, but all things come from God. ¹³Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head unveiled? ¹⁴Does not nature itself teach you that, if a man wears long hair, it is dishonoring to him, ¹⁵but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

Second Lesson

I Corinthians 14:34-35

Pew Bible page 935

³⁴Women should be silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak but should be subordinate, as the law also says. ³⁵If there is something they want to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

Third Lesson

I Timothy 2:8-15

Pew Bible page 963

⁸I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument, ⁹also that the women should dress themselves in moderate clothing with reverence and self-control, not with their hair braided or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, ¹⁰but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God. ¹¹Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve, ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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

Scripture Anthem

Canon of Praise

arr. Hal H. Hopson

All within me bless the Lord, all within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, all within me, bless his holy name. O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good. We remember all his love, he crowns our lives with hope and truth. God the Lord is gracious, his mercy is the same forever. As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves his own. Those who love the Lord shall claim his ever-present help. O bless the Lord, O all within me bless his holy name.

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, ² so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but also all the churches of the gentiles. ⁵ Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. ⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked very hard for you. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Israelites who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was... ¹² Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. ¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and greet his mother—a mother to me also. ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

²⁶ For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points.

Chord symbols: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G.

Lyrics:
 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
 more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Concerns and Celebrations

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

Amen

The musical score is written for two parts (treble and bass clef) in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of two systems of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line.

Lyrics:
 A - men, a - men.
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

Messages for Our Life in Community

*Closing Hymn 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World

*Benediction

Postlude

Finale Jubilante

Healy Willan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 21, 2025

TODAY

Fellowship

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

Coffee Tasting and Voting

Before and after Worship, Parlor

We narrowed it down from 3 choices to 2. Vote today on which coffee you like best. FPC is selecting a new coffee in partnership with our friends at Fort Findlay Coffee and Doughnut Shoppe. They are providing us with a taste testing today during the Fellowship Hour. There will be two types of coffee to choose from, and you get to cast your vote for the coffee that will bring you the most joy on a Sunday morning.

Adult Faith Formation

Following Worship, Fellowship Hall

All things childcare! Join the FPC Childcare Task Force, our partners Advantage Early Learning Academy and the Childcare Working Group for an extensive update on where we've been and where we are going with our childcare project.

THIS WEEK

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Sunday, October 5

Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout our broken world.

September Sermon Series

Seriously, not Literally.

- September 28: Revelation: Can we make any sense of it? (Variety of Texts.)

Don't miss the last in this thought-provoking series!

New Website and Phone App Coming Soon

We are updating our website with a fresh new look and updated information. We will also soon have a phone app available which will allow you to watch services online, sign up for events, get reminders of events (like choir rehearsals, youth meetings, etc.), make contributions, and search for contact information of members.

Stay tuned for the roll out!

Sunday Morning Faith Formation

Sunday mornings following Worship, Fellowship Hall

- September 28: Mission Committee Update.

Building Usage

As we prepare for the childcare center to reside in the Great Wing, the session is asking the congregation to begin using the 1950s side of the building starting in October. Building and Grounds Committee has oversight. Along with Facility Manager Kelly Sherrieb, and the rest of the staff, we're getting things ready! Please contact Kelly with concerns about where your committee is being assigned to meet in October. Thanks for your flexibility as we make this transition! Contact: ksherrieb@findlayfpc.org

FPC Garage Sale

Thursday, October 16, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

(Thursday Early Bird Special \$10)

Friday, October 17, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 18, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

All proceeds will go to support our Childcare Project!

Drop off days:

October 6-10 and October 13, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

You can drop your items off to Room 112 via the West End Doors (the doors closest to the garden, Door #10) Bring your items - but please: No clothes, shoes, mattresses, and only flat screen TVs.

Contact: Peggy Lobb

Join the Music Ministry

GatherRing Handbell Choir

New Rehearsal Day & Time: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Choir Room

Join us as we prepare an exciting fall lineup of music and prepare for our kick-off Sunday with guest musicians!

Fall Newsletter

You should have received the Fall Newsletter in the mail and via email. Extra copies are located in the Entryway and in the Parlor. Packed with lots of great information about our exciting fall activities and news, be sure to stay informed!

Updated Church Directories

Updated Directories are available in the Entryway and in the Parlor.

GET CONNECTED

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



Monthly Opportunities to Serve at City Mission

All are welcome at the table! Help us "share the bread" with our neighbors by joining members of the Mission Committee twice a month to serve meals at City Mission.

Upcoming dates:

- September 25, 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- October 14, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- October 23, 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- November 11, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sign up outside the Church Office. Contact Lark McCormick about Tuesday lunches and Liz Wickard about Thursday evening dinners.

ONLINE GIVING

You can open the camera on your smartphone and scan the QR code to 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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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.***

Belong. Be Challenged. Be Love.

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HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Come Sing O Church in Joy

1 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!

Refrain:

In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!

2 Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream! (Refrain)

3 Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified! (Refrain)

4 Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long! (Refrain)

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,

for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

Light Dawns on a Weary World

1 Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain:
The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

2 Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.

3 Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.