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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 LEADERS

Pastor:	Rev. Jessica Commeret
Director of Music:	Clinton Miller
Guest Preacher:	Greg Kuhlman
Musicians:	Chancel Choir FPC Choral Scholars: Zo Povlsen, BK Riha, Zach Sanford
A/V Technician:	Robbie Riffle

Flowers for worship are given by Marilyn Meyers
in loving memory of Norman Meyers.

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

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Choral Introit

Come Inside

Sally Ann Morris

Come inside! Our Host invites us. Enter, all, God's house of prayer. In the people gathered 'round us, we meet angels unaware! Come inside, our doors are open! Feel the welcome in this place. Come inside, our arms are open. Feel the warmth of God's embrace.

*Call to Worship

All things bright and beautiful,

God created for our enjoyment.

All things wrenching and hard,

God holds with tender care.

You and I, neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies,

God loves without condition.

So let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Verses 1 & 3 – sing melody only; Verse 2 – sing harmonies

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and grace,

we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always.

We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude.

We harbor resentment for what we lack.

We blame you; we blame others.

We doubt your compassion, even your power.

We find it hard to give ourselves away to you,

or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise.

Forgive us, we pray,

for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us

joyful thanksgiving.

Heal and restore us so that we may return to you

with a right spirit.

Help us to live holy and joyful lives,

befitting people you love and save.

(Silent Confession)

We pray this all in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

The hymn tune, which means "lovely" in Welsh, was composed by J.D. Edwards. Edwards named the tune after the village of Rhosymedre in the County Borough of Wrexham, Wales, where he was the vicar from 1843 until his death in 1885. Ralph Vaughan Williams's 1920 composition, "Rhosymedre," popularized the piece for organ, which is now a staple in the repertoire.

*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.

Blessing of the Children

*Children are
invited to come to
the Chancel steps
for a brief
blessing.*

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

First Lesson

Psalms 66:1-12

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

² sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

³ **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!**

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name."

⁵ **Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**
⁶ He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in him,
⁷ **who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let the rebellious not exalt themselves.**
⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹ who has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.
¹⁰ **For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.**
¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;
¹² **you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

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

Scripture Anthem

Amazing Grace

arr. Bruce Stevenson

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess withing the veil; a life of joy and peace.

Second Lesson

Luke 17:11-19, Pew Bible page 852

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 71

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Jack Schrader

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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 staves, treble and bass, in a 3/2 time signature. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics "A - men, a - men." The second system contains the lyrics "A - men, a - men, a - men." The music consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, with some notes beamed together.

SENDING FORTH IN MISSION

Messages for Our Life in Community

*Closing Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

*Benediction

Postlude

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee, BWV 642

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 12, 2025

TODAY

Men's Group

9:00 a.m., Library

This group is open to all men of our church and meets on the second Sunday of each month. Let's get to know each other better and share our work and faith stories. Hope to see all of you there.

Contact: Curt Hugunin at 419-957-2038

Fellowship

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

Community Dinner

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Great Room

Today's Menu: Cowboy Casserole, fruit salad, and pumpkin cake. The Community Dinner outreach provides a nutritious home-cooked meal on the 2nd Sunday of each month to the community. Volunteers are always welcome and needed to help provide food items, prepare the meals, and serve. A sign-up sheet is outside the Church Office.

THIS WEEK

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!

Contact: Peggy Lobb

Lifelong Faith Formation Reception for 50 Year Members and 90 Year Milestone

Sunday, October 19, 11:00a.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship in celebrating and honoring those among us who have engaged in lifelong faith, either through membership here or throughout the country.

Stewardship 2026: Rich For God

This year our Stewardship committee invites to live abundantly into God's riches—to discover what they are and what that means for each of us. We invite you to pray and discern what your financial commitment will be to the church in 2026. Letters about the theme and pledge cards were sent in the mail last week. Join us October 26 as we dedicate our commitment in worship.

Contact: Brandi Clark

Sunday Morning Faith Formation

**Sunday mornings following Worship, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 26, 11:00a.m.-12:00a.m.**

As we are sorting through closets throughout the building, we've unearthed a number of silly and fun bible games! Join us for a morning of fun, fellowship and spending time with one another and seeing who among us is a bible guru!

Contact: Lena Kennedy

Third Sunday Faith Formation (Intergenerational)

October 19, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

We will gather for dinner together in the Fellowship Hall with a brief liturgy. At 6:00 p.m., we'll divide into age-specific faith formation, (children, youth, parents). This year we will also be offering a Taizé worship service in the Chapel. Taizé is a contemplative worship, with sung refrains and quiet contemplation of scripture.

All are welcome to join! Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare.

Seeing Gifts in Others? Nominate them!

Annually around this time of year, we invite members to suggest to the nominating committee others they feel God may be calling to become officers of the church, as deacons or elders. There are cards available in the pew racks where you can make suggestions, or please feel free to reach out to Dave Reynolds, chair of the nominating committee.

Prayer Group Forming!

Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Library

Sunday morning prayer group will start up once again starting October 19, at 9:00 a.m. For anyone interested in praying for the concerns of our congregation, please join us. If you have prayer concerns, please email them to prayers@findlayfpc.org, call the church office, or leave the request in the cross container in the Narthex. We look forward to seeing you for Sunday morning prayer and/or receiving your prayer requests.

October Mini Newsletter

You should have received the October Mini Newsletter in the mail and via email. Extra copies are located in the Narthex 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, the Narthex and the Parlor.

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:

- 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.

GET CONNECTED

Scan the code to read our weekly E-News Connections.

You can also read in your email.



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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Surely, It Is God who Saves Me

Refrain:

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

1 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation
and on that day you shall say,
"Give thanks to the Lord
and call upon God's name."
(Refrain)

2 Make God's deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that the Lord is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
for God has done great things
and this is known in all the world.
(Refrain)

3 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion;

ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.
(Refrain)

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.