



Service for the Lords Day
with Holy Communion
13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the *Book of Order*, 4.202, we learn that the church welcomes baptized children to the table of our Lord in this manner: "In cases where baptized children who have not yet begun to participate in the Lord's Supper express a desire to receive the Sacrament, they shall be welcomed to the table and the session should ensure they receive ongoing instruction or formation in the meaning and mystery of the Sacraments." The session ordinarily sets an age at which children stay in worship. Our church session set the age for participating in worship regularly for the third grade and up. So, look for more information about the children's worship class in the September *Anchor Links*.

Worship will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion this Sunday, September 4. I have received communion over fifty years, for thirty-seven years I have served the Lord's Supper. Yet, even I do not fully understand what happens at the Table of our Lord. I do know that we are spiritually fed and strengthened through eating the bread (the spiritual body) and drinking from the cup (the spiritual blood of Jesus Christ). I do know we remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. I do know that we receive the grace of God through our receiving communion. But how it all happens is completely beyond my understanding, a mystery. It is by faith that we come to the Table of our Lord to receive the grace of God.

In the *Book of Order*, W-3.0409: "Theology of the Lord's Supper", the Presbyterian church talks about the Lord's Supper (or Eucharist) as "the sign and seal of our communion with the crucified and risen Lord." In the Gospel stories Jesus is always eating at table with people. The Book of Order goes on to say that "The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper offers an abundant feast of theological meaning, including: thanksgiving to God the Father; remembrance of Jesus Christ; invocation of the Holy Spirit; communion in the body of Christ; and a meal of the realm of God. The Reformed tradition understands the Lord's Supper to be a sign of God's covenant.... Through the Lord's Supper, Jesus Christ nourishes us in righteousness, faithfulness, and discipleship. Through the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit renews the Church in its identity and sends the Church to mission in the world."

Communion is an important sacrament of the church for its life and the life of each Christian. This sign of our covenant with God is also a mysterious gift to the church from the hand of our Lord, for which we are thankful.

Jim



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*O Mighty One, give us sincere hearts, that we may serve you with joy,
obey you with eagerness, and manifest your wisdom to the world.*

Chiming of the Hour

McGrew Carillon

Prelude

"Worthy Is the Lamb"

Billie Crowell

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Candice L. Klein-Howell, HR

Introit

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Choir

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Our merciful God pleads the cause of the poor and the afflicted

People: We will praise our loving God, now and always.

Leader: Here, with these precious people, we will not fear to live out the good news.

People: We will journey with the Christ, as he comes toward us with justice in his hands.

Leader: Here, in these moments, we will not fear to tell the good news.

People: We will be open to anything and everything that the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst.

***Hymn**

"Be Thou my Vision"

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***Call to Confession**

Leader: Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus, certain that he would help them. With that same confidence, let us confess our own failings and seek God's mercy. Please join me as we pray, using the words in the bulletin, and then silently as we make our own personal confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain what we want, avoid discomfort, and shun those we don't know well, or don't like much, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. So we ask for your power to renew us in body and spirit, and to make us able to walk in the way you intend for us. Soften our hearts and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief and forgive us, once again, Holy Lord.

(A time for personal confessions to Almighty God)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our Lord Jesus Christ. In his name, and his name only, we are forgiven.

People: Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, too. We are so grateful for God's forgiveness. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

A Time for Young Christians (Third grade and up please remain in worship)

Kate Canady

Prayer for Illumination

Author of the ancient texts, come now to us so we may clearly hear your Word and act with courage that you instill in us. For we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 146

Page 581-582, OT Pew Bible

Anthem

"Lamb of God"

Choir

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 7:26-37

Page 42-43, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

"It's Enough"

Rev. Candice Klein-Howell

***Affirmation of Faith**

(The Confession of 1967; 9.36)

"The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's Word for humanity, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time." This, we believe. Amen.

The Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion of the Elders and the Pastor

Prayer following Communion

The Eternal God sends us forth, to offer words of grace to those who need to hear them. The Bread of Life feeds us well, so that we may be equipped to offer hope and justice to those held captive by fears. The Spirit of Peace fills us with truth, so that we have courage to speak against cruelty, and offer good news to the broken. We are God's chosen ones, so we will serve God skillfully. May we continue to live with God's direction. Amen.

Women of the Church

In June I gave up my position as Moderator of Presbyterian Women in our church. I have served in this position since 2014. I thank all the women of the church and the entire congregation for their help and support during this time. I am happy to report that Melanie Hamilton and Adrian Bomar have agreed to serve as Co-Moderators. I know they will do a great job. Be watching for more information from them in the coming weeks.

We usually have a kickoff luncheon in September. With worship in the Fellowship Hall, we will forgo the luncheon this year.

Night Circle will begin on September 13th at 6:00pm in the Russell Classroom. We will be studying Lesson Seven-Mary, in our books What My Grandmother Taught Me-Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus. If you do not have a book that is ok. We can share to finish the last three lessons in this book. We are asking that those attending Circle bring a finger food to the meeting to share. This will take place of our luncheon and give us some time to fellowship during our Circle meeting.

Hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and hope to see you at Circle on Sept. 13th at 6:00pm.

Connie Crafton

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| September 5th | Office Closed for Labor Day |
| September 6th | PDO's first day of school AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm |
| September 8th | AA Meeting 7:00pm |
| September 9th | AA Meeting 1:00pm |
| September 11th | Rally Day Breakfast 9:00am Bring your Good Sam Donations Youth Group Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm |
| September 12th | Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm Property Meeting 5:00pm Mission Meeting 5:30pm Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm |
| September 13th | AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm PW Night Circle 6:00pm |
| September 15th | AA Meeting 7:00pm |
| September 16th | AA Meeting 1:00pm |
| September 18th | Sunday School Starts Bring your 5 cents-a-meal Donations Youth Group Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm |



Feasting on the Word



Your Faith Development Committee invites you to join us for food and fellowship as we kick off Rally Day.

**Sunday, September 11th
9:15am-9:45am**

ELA Classroom / Chapel
Breakfast finger foods
will be served

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lana Craig (Member)
Sandra Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)
Evelyn Davidson (Member)
Paige Martin Fague (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Family & Friends of Elaine Holcombe (Member)
Edwin Holcombe (Member)
Fred Hunt (Member)
K. & S. Kennedy (Friends of Marylyn Caperton)
Tony & Carolyn Matusek (Members)
Jo Newton (Friend of many in the congregation)
Jennie Schutte-Patrick (Bea Marsh's Sister-in-law)
Family & Friends of Danny Reed (Dana Phillip's Father)
Family & Friends of Jean Stimpson (Charles Stimpson's Mother)



LT Andy Canady
(Member)

Airman Chase Blanton
(Member)

Those in Military Service
and their families

Those who are serving
abroad and at home

Names for the Prayer List will remain on the list for 60 days. If you would like someone to remain on the list beyond the 60 days, please contact the church office.

*Happy
Birthday*

September 5th
Raychelle Flannagan

September 6th
Annie Grace Jensen

September 8th
Fred Hunt

September 8th
Aksel Jensen, IV

September 9th
Lana Craig



"Thank you all for the love and care you gave to Elaine Holcombe over the last several years. Thank you for the kindnesses you showed our family as we gathered to grieve and say goodbye to wife, mother, and grandmother. You are a wonderful example of Christ's love. "

Blessings from the family of
Elaine Holcombe





Wonderful Wednesdays...

Starts Wednesdays on September 28th!



Pastor Jim is excited to start a new Wonderful Wednesday at FPC and invites you to journey with him as we make all things **WONDERFUL (on) WEDNESDAYS!**

Here is our Line-Up:

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| 5:30 | Chancel Choir |
| 6:00 | Dinner |
| 6:35 | Bible Study (Adults and teens) |
| | Music & Mission (Ages 3 thru Grade 6) |
| | Nursery (Must pre-register with the Church Office) |

This is a Wonderful way to involve your families, invite your friends and neighbors, and get excited about all the wonderful ways we fellowship, learn, and explore God's word together!

Here is a deeper dive about each:

→ **Dinner** A dinner will be offered for a reasonable cost. Salads will always be available, as will PB & J! More information will be coming in the e-weekly as to how to register and how you might help. (Pastor Jim has the scoop that the children will sing our table blessings now and then!)

→ **Bible Study** Pastor Jim will launch his **Bible 101: Old Testament Access via the Kings!** This study is for those who are new to the Bible and also scholars who want to see a fresh approach. He promises to make it interesting and informative. You will need to register to let him know that you are coming (more the merrier), so that he can have a packet ready for you. The Study will include something for everyone! This is also a great time to invite your neighbors and friends, as we learn and laugh together.

(P.S.: For those who have been asking Denise, this is one of her favorite studies!)



Music & Mission Music & Mission returns in full swing with music for older and younger children! We will be learning songs for blessings to share during our Wednesday night meals and intend to sing each month in Worship.

Please note the following:

- ~ Choir T-Shirts – are being ordered, and we hope to distribute them at our first meeting;
- ~ Melody Bells – have been donated, so we will be ringing, too;
- ~ Christmas Pageant – music has been ordered, and we will start working on our Christmas songs at our first meeting! You will not want to miss.
- ~ Missions – We are hard at work to bring Mission opportunities to the children, introducing them to our foreign missions (and maybe a missionary or two) and within our local community. Crafts and games will be incorporated!

→ **Nursery** If you (or a friend who is coming) need a Nursery for children who are younger, please let the Church Office know. We would love for parents to participate!



SAVE THE DATE: YOUTH GROUP

starts back Sept. 11th, Join us 4pm-6pm!!!

Please make plans to join us for fellowship, food and fun.

Bring your friends with you to join us on Sunday evenings.

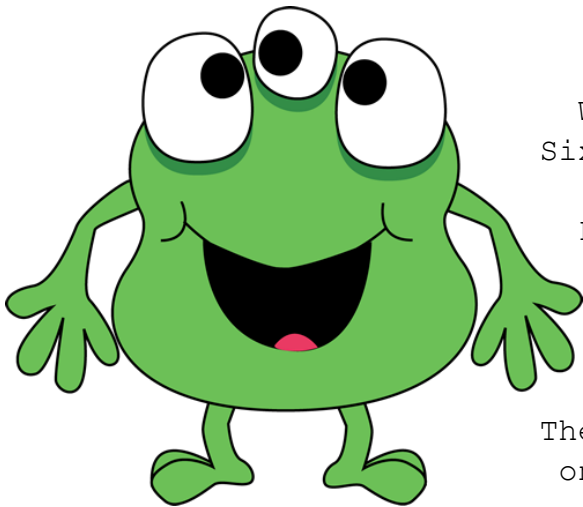
Dinner will be provided by a different family each week.

We need your help with dinners...

There is a sign-up sheet next to the flower calendar in the hallway on the bulletin board or you can just let Chenel know.

New Worship Class Starts

(for 3rd through 6th Graders)



Pastor Jim will be teaching a three-session Worship Class for those in the Third through Sixth Grade. The Class will include discussions about faith, worship, and Holy Communion. Pastor Jim will be contacting each family to decide possible dates/times. If at all possible, we will eat together and enjoy table fellowship, as well.

The goal is to celebrate Holy Communion together on the first Sunday of October, which is World Communion Sunday!



Young Adult SS Class

(Adults under 40 or with children in high school or lower grades)

Denise is excited to start meeting again!

A couple of people in our group have asked for a summary or revisit of The Shack, which we will do for the classes on September 18th (come prepared for something special) and a final review for September 28th. Yes, we will discuss the hard topics of judgment and forgiveness: is forgiveness optional, how-to when I really don't want to, why should I?

New book....Denise is ordering a new book for each participant. The book will be about the choices we make and the ripples we leave behind, as we make our footprints upon the world!

Building structure.....please think about volunteering for one of these roles: Fellowship Leader or Missions Leader. If there are no volunteers, Denise will be calling on individuals to help plan activities and rally participation!



Sunday, September 4, 2022

Welcome to our Guest Pastor, Rev. Candice Klein-Howell

Ushers/Greeters

Nancy June Brandon

Belinda Craig

Terry & Ginny Saylor

Communion Prep: Aaron & Connie Crafton

Communion Servers: Aaron Crafton, Helen Garner, Kristin Wilhelm

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Kathy Smith

Children's Church

Jennie Kate Pendergrass

Nursery

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

Brent Canady

Michal Dobson

James & Lori Smith

Flowers: **Charlotte Williams**

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Terry Saylor

Children's Church

Belinda Craig

Nursery

Katherine Marsh

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

Norma Zae Jensen

Pat Thomas

Richard & Kristin Wilhelm

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Belinda Craig

Children's Church

Katherine Marsh

Nursery

Christy Jensen

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