



Service for the Lords Day
15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022



"Parable of the unjust steward" c. 1540 by Marinus van Reymerswaele (1490-1546)

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

The upcoming couple of weeks have some events we have not had in a couple of years. This Sunday there will be a meeting of a "Children's Worship Class" to prepare our elementary school children who are third grade and up to come to the table of our Lord for communion. Children in the third through sixth grades are invited to come with one or both parents to share a "brown bag", that is, bring your lunch with you to church, after worship this Sunday. We will "break bread" together, talk about worship, and learn about communion and baptism. You will receive your own communion book. Drinks will be provided. On the first Sunday of October, Worldwide Communion, the children will be welcomed to the table of our Lord to receive communion. Immediately after worship, we will "break bread" together again for lunch and talk about the children's first "official" communion.

The second event is our church's starting back regular Wednesday night dinners with a Youth and Adult Bible study and the Children's Music and Mission on September 28. We will meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and then around 6:35 p.m. break into two groups: our Bible study for adults and youth and the children's mission and music group. (The chancel choir can slip in and eat dinner, as the study begins!) The interesting video and book study on the Old Testament will look at the holy habits and life of prophets and kings and last probably through the middle of December. Please register your participation through the church office and/or the worship service insert so that those planning dinner and program will have a numerical estimate of participants.

I have called this gathering "Wonderful Wednesdays" in the past. It is pretty *wonderful*! One last reminder: Sunday school starts this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Come a little bit early for your coffee or juice, snacks, and fellowship so that you may get into your class by 9:00 a.m. to give yourself and your teachers plenty of time for class.

Peace and love,

Jim



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Last week the choir took the Sunday off. This week, let's **'Make a Joyful Noise'**.

We are inviting the **WHOLE** congregation to be the FPC Choir.

Please lift your voices and sing with us during the introit, anthem and benediction.

Preparation for Worship (Read before service for quiet meditation):

The parable from Luke 16:1-8 is a warning for the early church and for today's church: "Be careful in the management of pieces of the kingdom under the church's care, for they are managed at God's discretion. This parable ... (is an emphatic reminder) of the task to tend the shop well through serving neighbors in need, practicing the heart of hospitality, celebrating the sacraments, and proclaiming the words of life."

(Christopher H. Edmondston, Feasting on the Gospels: Luke, volume 2, p. 97; editors, Cynthia Jarvis and Elizabeth Johnson)

Chiming of the Hour

McGrew Carillon

Prelude

Karisa Matussek

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. James Moran

Introit

"Morning Has Broken" (v.1)

Congregation

*Call to Worship

(Psalm 3:3-8)

Leader: But You, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the One Who lifts up my head.

People: I cry aloud to the Lord, and He answers me from His holy hill.

Leader: I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

People: I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

Leader: Rise up, O Lord! Deliver me, O my God!

People: For You strike all my enemies on the cheek; You break the teeth of the wicked.

Leader: Deliverance belongs to the Lord; may Your blessing be on Your people!

*Hymn

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

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*Call to Confession

(Psalm 40:11-13)

Leader: With the Psalmist we recognize our sinfulness and remember the mercy of God, "Do not withhold Your mercy from me; let Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

People: For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see;

Leader: They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

People: Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me."

Leader: Standing before God, we see our sinfulness clearly and rest our hope in the generous mercy of God and offer our prayer of confession:

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord our God, You call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to Your will by the power of Your Spirit, so that all may know Your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior.

(time of silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

(Romans 3:23-25a)

Leader: The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome: "Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

People: They are now justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Leader: Whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood, effective through faith."

All: Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

***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.

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

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

Kate Canady

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:3

Page 709, OT Pew Bible

Anthem

"Be Thou my Vision"

Hymn # 339 Congregation

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 16:1-13

Page 79, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

"God or Mammon"

Rev. Jim Moran

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (p.14, Hymnal)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Charge

Leader: No slave can serve two masters.

People: **We shall serve and love God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our minds.**

*Benediction

(Romans 15:5-6)

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Benediction Response

"May the Lord, Mighty God"

Congregation



Where does the money we donate to 5 Cents-a-meal go?

All monies collected are used to support local programs and/or to fund grants that are awarded to hunger agencies throughout Middle Tennessee.

Why should we put in change at every meal?

This simple act of contributing a few cents at each meal is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command "You give them something to eat."

Why do we bring our 5 cents-a-meal change to church?

We bring our offerings to church on the appointed Sunday and all of the coins received on Sunday will "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" as they are received and dedicated.

"Enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation." - Book of Confessions, 9.46

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
September 19th	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
September 20th	Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
September 22nd	AA Meeting 7:00pm
September 23rd	AA Meeting 1:00pm
September 25th	Youth Group Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm
September 26th	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
September 27th	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm
September 28th	Wonderful Wed. Dinner at 6:00pm Bible Study at 6:35pm Children's Music & Mission at 6:35pm
September 29th	AA Meeting 7:00pm

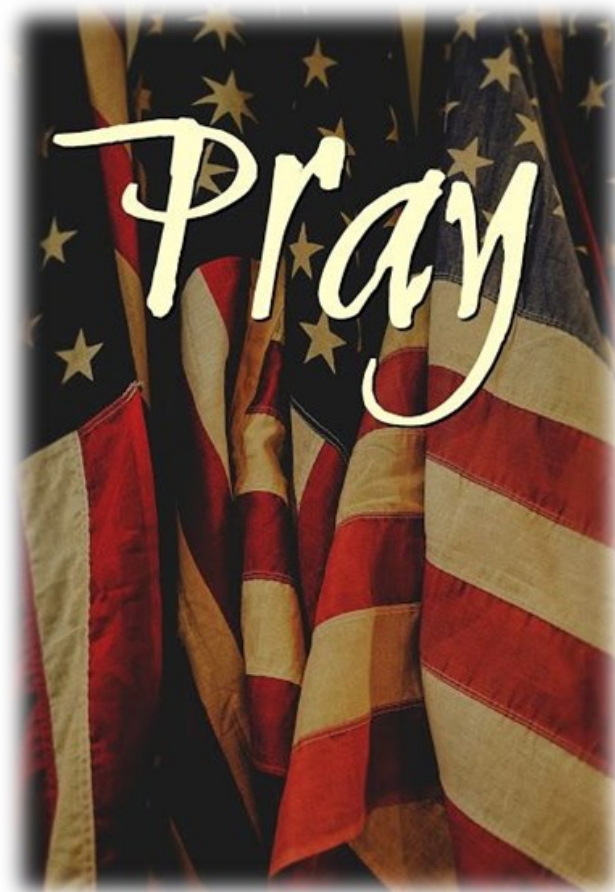


October 26, 2022

10:00am – 4:00pm

It is Blood Drive Time!

Please consider giving a pint as the need is great. The blood supply continues to be at a critical low. If you would like to volunteer to help the day of, please contact Melanie Hamilton. To make an appointment you can call the church office, go to redcrossblood.org and find Shelbyville Community FPC, or call the Red Cross at (800) 733-2767



Marian Alexander (Friend of Christy Jensen)
Lana Craig (Member)
Billie Crowell (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)
Rachel Rudolf & Family (Friend of Christy Jensen)

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.



September 20th
John Hittle

September 20th
Jackson Smith

September 24th
Kristin Conley

September 24th
Linda Anderton



The date has been set for this year's Trunk or Treat event.

Sunday, October 30, 5:00-6:30

We are bringing back Chili and Hot Dogs! It's not too early to start bringing candy, or to sign up for a trunk! A sign-up sheet for decorating your trunk is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Candy may be dropped off to the office.



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:

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!



Sunday, September 18, 2022

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Norma Zae Jensen	Kate Canady	Katherine Marsh
Pat Thomas	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Richard & Kristin Wilhelm	Belinda Craig	Christy Jensen

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Welcome to our Guest Pastor, Rev. John Crawford

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Helen Garner	Connie Crafton	Bea Marsh
Charlotte Williams	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Christy Jensen & Rob Marsh	Evan Pendergrass	Lauren Smith

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Michale Dobson	Pastor Jim	Christy Jensen
John Marsh	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Bailey & Trena Little	Gage Smith	Norma Zae Jensen
Communion Prep: Ginny Saylor & Jackie Bane		
Communion Servers: Helen Garner, Melanie Hamilton, Lori Sain-Smith, Katherine Marsh		

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Ushers/Greeters	A Time for Young Christians	Children's Church
Pat Marsh	Connie Crafton	Christy Jensen
Charlotte Williams	Hall Monitor	Nursery
Roy & Lisa Turner	Evan Pendergrass	Pat Thomas

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