



..... We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

“I will search for my sheep,” says the Lord.

Like lost lambs or scattered sheep, the Lord seeks us and calls us home.

“I will gather them from far and near,” says the Lord.

A cherished fold, a beloved flock, the Lord sustains us and gives us rest.

“I will be their shepherd,” says the Lord.

We listen for the voice of the God who seeks us, and follow with devotion and gratitude!

*Prayer of the Day

God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, so that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. **Amen.**

*Hymn: 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns

see hymns sheet

Call to Confession

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness

However long we wander, however far we stray,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Sisters and brothers, be assured:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri: Glory Be to the Father

Greatorex

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, amen.

*Sharing in Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
To this peace we are called as members of a single body.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

..... We Listen

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?
³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 95: 1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation!

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great Sovereign above all gods.

The Lord holds the caverns of the earth, and sustains the heights of the hills.

The sea belongs to God, who made it, whose hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

O, that today you would hearken to God's voice!

Third Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Anthem: Thankful

Sager, Foster, and Page

Sermon

Rev. Elizabeth Wagner

We Respond

Affirmation of Faith

Taken from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Hymn: 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

see hymns sheet

Prayers of the People

This will be different today. Please leave a request in the comments for a prayer you're comfortable sharing with the general public.

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.

Invitation for Offering

In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God. If you normally share an offering, please consider bringing it the next time you come or checking out our online giving portal: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCSdonate>

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering: Doxology

Old Hundredth

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

*Prayer of Dedication

We Follow

*Hymn: 37 Let All Things Now Living

see hymns sheet

*Benediction and Log Off



**First Presbyterian
Church in Springfield**

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield! We are a welcoming congregation that seeks to cultivate and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in a community of learning, healing and sharing. It is our prayer that this will be a meaningful time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate here. Childcare is available for children up to three years old in the Nursery.



The flowers today are presented by Linda and Davis Phelps and are "given with grateful hearts for all of God's blessings."

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E-blast and Prayer Chain -

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain or the church news e-blast list (or both), please e-mail cindyg@flourtownpres.org or call 215-233-3223 and leave a message. Note that there are two separate lists, so please indicate which list or both when reaching out. Thanks!

Financial Focus (through Oct 2020)- OPERATING FUND

	OCT 2020	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$8,958.21	\$163,759.47
EXPENSES	\$17,479.56	\$175,328.81
DIFFERENCE	(\$8,521.35)	(\$ 11,569.34)

Congregational Meeting Today -

Our fall congregational meeting will be held virtually today on the Zoom online meeting website. You can participate either online or by calling in on your telephone. The call for the meeting is:

In accordance with the bylaws, the Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 22, 2020, at 11:00 AM via Zoom, for the purposes of electing ruling elders and deacons, approving the 2021 terms of call, receiving the 2021 preliminary budget, and receiving a report from the Reopening Task Force of Session.

The information to join the meeting is below. Please note you will have to enter the passcode 059841 to get into the meeting.

ZOOM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING INVITATION:

Join the Zoom Meeting on Sunday, November 22 at 11:00 AM

Meeting ID: 833 0460 3492 Passcode: 059841

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83304603492?pwd=YUplakt6MkxPWVFNbUhVQVN5S0RNUU09>

If you do not have internet access for your computer or smart phone, you can dial in to the meeting from any telephone for audio. Dial:

1-301-715-8592 US (Germantown MD) or 1-929-436-2866 US (New York)