



**First Presbyterian
Church in Springfield**

Service for the Lord's Day
November 21, 2021 | 10:00 am
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
** Please rise in body or spirit*



..... GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Chimes

Prelude

Life and Work of the Church

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

*Call to Worship

Jack Schaller

Our worship is in the name of the Father,
the one eternal God in whom we live and move and have our being,
and of the Son,
our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom the love of God is made manifest among us,
and of the Holy Spirit,
the Counselor by whom we become the people of God and the church of Jesus Christ.

*Hymn #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (inspired by Matthew 25:14-30)

Lord of Creation, we confess that we have squandered your gifts and used them as if they had been given for us alone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. For this, we are sorry. We have failed to be an obedient church. For this, we offer our confession. We have not done your will. Instead, we have broken your law and rebelled against your love. We have not followed your command to love our neighbors and hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience and offer us redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray in His name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News: We have not been faithful in all things.
But our God still welcomes us with patience and kindness.
Therefore, as people of God's promise, let us receive forgiveness,
embrace hope, and faithfully respond, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
**Glory to God! We are forgiven.
We are filled with hope. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: Glory Be to the Father

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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 the Peace of Christ

Minute for Mission

GACM Thanksgiving Donations

Eric Hanson

Message for All Ages

..... THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Unison Scripture Reading – Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Reflection on Prayer

Jean Harpel

Unison Scripture Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Reflection on Prayer

Bill Wells

Unison Scripture Reading – Philippians 4:6

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Reflection on Prayer

Polly Schaller

Unison Scripture Reading – Luke 11: 2-4

Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

Reflection on Prayer

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

..... RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who lights the dawn to chase away the darkness, who rolls away each stone of doubt, who surprises us with incredible gifts of family and friends, silence and laughter, who raises us from sadness and despair to the possibilities of blessing and joy.

We believe in Jesus, friend of the poor and searcher for the lost, who comes to us in our grief and longing and calls us by name and sends us on the path of peace to speak of an awesome love that is not overcome by death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the hidden partner, the gentle messenger of God, who fills our every breath with blessing, who guides us in the dark, beckons us to do good, speaks to us in dream and image, and watches over us with tender compassion.

We believe in the church, an instrument of God in this present moment, striving for justice, dancing in joy, clawing at despair, living in hope, praying for healing and forever proclaiming Good News of God’s persistent and redeeming love. Amen.

Stewardship Moment: A Celebration of Faith

Karl Brown

Responsive Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Response to: God, in your unfailing love, **hear our 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.**

Preparing to Make Our Offering to God

Our online giving portal: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCSdonate>

*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 of Our Gifts

..... GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn #66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Benediction

Postlude



Liturgist – Jack Schaller
Organist – Robin Muse



**First Presbyterian
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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.



The flowers this week are presented by Deb Wilson in loving memory of her father, Mark E Waltz DDS, who passed away 1 year ago 11/18/20.

◆ ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS ◆ ◆

Scouts Poinsettia Fundraising Sale

Come pick up a holiday poinsettia or two and support Scout Troop 173. Stop by Taylor Hall on Saturday, Dec 4 from 11am-1pm/or while supplies last.

Pledge Sunday - 11/28

In this season of Thanksgiving, we also take the time to make our “pledge” to God and our church, to share God’s love and care. How will you dedicate yourself to the ministry of Jesus Christ? As you prayerfully consider giving of your time and talent, we ask you to let us know your monetary pledge to the church by:

- Bringing your pledge card to worship on 11/28
- Mailing your pledge card to church by 11/25
- Emailing your pledge amount to our financial secretary, Frank Orzechoski forzechoski@flourtownpres.org

Chancel Flowers

The 2022 Chancel Flower sign-up is now available in Taylor Hall. The flowers each week may be dedicated in honor, or memory, of loved ones. A \$40 donation provides two bouquets (or one larger arrangement). You will receive a reminder approximately one month before your selected date with information on submitting your dedication and payment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Miedwig.

Book Discussion Group - 11/29 by Zoom

You can **EITHER watch the movie or read the book, Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson, then gather for discussion via zoom at 7:30 pm on **Monday, November 29**. The next book discussion will be held in **January**, (date TBD) on **The Book of Joy**. Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the 14th Dalai Lama share insights on finding “lasting happiness in a changing world.”

Financial Focus through October 2021 -

OPERATING FUND

	OCT 2021	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$13,690.25	\$176,999.15
EXPENSES	\$18,355.62	\$182,469.22
DIFFERENCE	(\$4,665.37)	(\$5,470.07)