

First Presbyterian Church

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November 19th, 2023

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19th, 2023

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

"Chapel Aria"

Steven Scott

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

"Bow the Knee"

Ron Hamilton & Cheryl Reid

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Lift up your spirit, to glimpse the presence of God.
People: *God's love surrounds us through this journey of life.*
Leader: God calls us to be children of light.
People: *We respond with a faith in God, more than in ourselves.*
Leader: We proclaim a hope of daily and eternal salvation.
People: *God's faithfulness opens a path of joy and determination.*
Unison: *May this time of worship encourage us today.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We are reluctant to face Your judgement, O God. We struggle to place You before that of ourselves and our own desires. We are equally protective of our resources and love and are very cautious in sharing them. There is a darkness that questions our faith in Your Son. We know, however, that Your Son is the Light that provides everything we could ever need.

Your day of salvation is our joy that eradicates our darkest days. Forgive our sinfulness and bring us back into Your brilliant love. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*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, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 123, page 572

ANTHEM

Joseph M. Martin

"A Thanksgiving Garden "

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, page 205

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

MEDITATION

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“Turn on Your Lights”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Vangelis

"Hymne"

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 518

"Your Only Son"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Keith Routledge

"My Peace"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of November 19th – November 26, 2023

Today: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Communion / Congregational Meeting
4:00 p.m. Sunday Funday - ages 4-6th grade
5:00 p.m. Youth Group – grades 7th – 12th
6:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service at FPC

Tuesday: Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter
6:15 p.m. Men's Group

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday: Youth travel to Boone (Operational Christmas Child)

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Announcements

There will be a congregational meeting today after worship to hear the Nominating Committee Report. All are invited to stay for this short meeting.

The Men's Group are collecting winter coats of all sizes for children, ladies and men. The coats collected will be donated to Friend to Friend. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Keith Hardin or the church with any questions.

The Angel tree is up in the upper Narthex and ready for Angels to be chosen. We are helping two families for Christmas this year. Please place your Angel tag on the gift upon return and place under the tree. We are also collecting financial donations.

Aubry Tortora is collecting used stuffed animals for Key Club at Union Pines. They will be sent to Family Promise, the women's shelter, First Health, and Moore County EMS. Please drop them off in the main office or to Rick by December 10th.

A new address has been provided for Phillip Warmbrod! Phillip's new address is Phillip George Warmbrod 0762662, Scotland Correctional Institution, 22385 McGirt's Bridge Rd., Laurinburg, NC 28353. Please feel free to drop him a note at your convenience.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Gail & Keith Hardin.