



November 19, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday

10:30 a.m. Worship

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One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.

*Luke 17:15-16*

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# Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

As cold, flu, and Covid season is again upon us,  
please feel free to request a mask from our ushers.

This service is being **livestreamed** and can be viewed on our YouTube channel in real time or as a recording. **Large-print copies of this order of service**, as well as **audio enhancement devices** are available **from the ushers**.

## We gather on Sunday for 3 reasons:

- **To seek God**- whom we find in sacred text and sacrament, in music and in song, in prayer, in the beauty of this space, in the stillness where we can hear our hearts. We offer God our thanks and praise, our lament and longing, and our resources. We let go of burdens and receive grace and forgiveness. We see the One our hearts love.
- **To practice Community** – rejoice w/those who rejoice, weep w/those who weep. To break bread with those whom we love and those whom we need to love more fully. We practice things our culture does not emphasize: resting, forgiving, sharing. Jesus asked us to love one another as he loved us, and we cannot do so without practice.
- **To listen for our Call**- often an invitation to go out and be or do or remember. God is speaking all the time: through conscience, nature, friends, and certainly scripture. We gather to listen for that Call and to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

Information on our common life can be found on our website [www.fpcsb.net](http://www.fpcsb.net), along with sermons and newsletters. You can participate in our work by supporting us financially with a one-time or sustaining donation.

Children are welcome in worship. Younger children may go to the Nursery at any time.

**OUR NEXT COMMUNION will be Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

# Morning Worship†

Lector: Helen Babcock

## REFLECTION before the SERVICE

“There are many moments, as we all know, when the well-meant advice to ‘count your blessings’ just seems like a pious cliché, more irritating than helpful. Rejoicing at those times may mean something more like simply remembering—reaching for the deep knowing that lies buried below consciousness, down in the precincts of primal memory, that we are made by Love and return to Love, that God is our light and our salvation, that even when we can’t see how it’s true, we can accept St. Julian’s assurance that ‘all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.’”

- Marilyn Chandler McEntyre, *Word by Word*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*A Thanksgiving Prelude*

*Charles Callahan*

*Susan Addington, flute; William Zeitler, organ*

#### INTROIT

*Spirit of the Living God*<sup>1</sup>

*Daniel Iverson*

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 67)

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

✘ **Let all the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

✘ **Let all the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.**

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† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

\* **Stand if you are able**    ✘ **The congregation will read.**

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**THANKSGIVING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>**

✘ Gracious God, Source of all Blessings,  
You have been extravagant in your Generosity.  
You have planted within us the seeds of Hope.  
You have nurtured within us the saplings of Faith.  
You have harvested the fruits of your Creation and  
Spread before us the feast of all Possibility.

Words cannot express the gratitude with which  
we come before you

May we embody our thanks with extravagant generosity.  
May we offer our lives to you in acts of compassion for one  
another.

May we walk gently upon the earth, ever mindful of your gifts  
Of Breath, of Love, of Life itself. Alleluia. Amen.

*(We stand and sing Alleluia)*

**\*ALLELUIA**

*William Zeitler*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**TIME with the CHILDREN**

*[Children are always welcome in worship. After the Time with the Children  
you may go to KidSpace in Room 11.*

*Infants through pre-Kindergarten may go to the Nursery at any time.]*

**ANTHEM**

*For the Beauty of the Earth<sup>3</sup>*

*John Rutter*

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which  
from our birth over and around us lies: *Lord of all, to thee we raise This our  
joyful hymn of praise.* For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light: *Lord of all,  
... For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth,*

<sup>2</sup> Anne G. Cohen, *Before the Amen.*

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and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild: *Lord of all, ...* For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, Graces human and divine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: *Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

**SCRIPTURE:**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-12**

*New Testament, pg. 183*

**Luke 17:11-19**

*New Testament, pg. 80*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Wendy Lamb*

**HYMN 643**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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**THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

*(We offer our gifts as a response to God's Word, to be part of God's purposes in the world. You may place gifts in the plate during the offertory, or on your way out – or by mail or online.)*

**OFFERTORY**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

*H. Percy Smith*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

- ✘ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
- Praise God all creatures here below;
- Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
- Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost, Amen.

**MORNING PRAYER and OUR 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.

**\*HYMN 37**

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

**\*MOMENT for REFLECTION**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE*****God Be in My Head***<sup>4</sup>*K. Lee Scott*

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and my departing. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE*****Improvisation***

**GREETERS:** Susan Skoglund, Meryll Davis

**USHERS:** Lynn Usher, *Lead Usher*

Jim Siegmund, Al Rueda, *Security*

**SOUND ENGINEERS:** Dan Direen, Brent Nord

**LIVESTREAM ENGINEER:** James Welte

**CAMERA OPERATORS:** Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

**George Biddlecombe, Noé Falconi, Larry Marona**

*Elders:* **Alex Smith, Tim Usher, Maru Bolaños**

*Deacons:* **Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez**

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## This Weeks' Celebrations

<i>Nov 19</i>	Earleen Dudley Linda Murray
<i>Nov 21</i>	Terry & Stephanie Ross—William Zeitler
<i>Nov 22</i>	Ken Mantei
<i>Nov 23</i>	Dan Direen Wade and Chase Preciado Joyce Seeger
<i>Nov 24</i>	John-Paul & Stephanie Fletcher Larry Kistner Matthew Garcia
<i>Nov 25</i>	William Zeitler

*If you haven't yet pledged for 2024, there is still time!* Call the church office if you have any questions.

***Christmas with the Homeless.*** The Deacons are still taking donations for CCLM's "Christmas with the Homeless" party for the residents of the Men's Emergency Shelter. Monetary donations are gratefully received and used. We can also use: ***New*** Men's Colored T-shirts (S - 4X), ***New*** Boxer Briefs (L, XL, 1X, 2X); ***New or Gently Used*** Polo Shirts (M-2XL), Jeans (sizes 32 - 52, especially 36-48), Sweat Pants (sizes M - 4XL) and Jackets (sizes M-4XL). **The Deacons will collect donations on Sundays throughout November. Thanks for your help.**

Last Sunday's dinner at CCLM, provided by your Deacons, was a great success. Thank you for making it possible!

***There will be a Congregational Meeting*** directly after the worship service on **Sunday, November 26**, to elect officers for the coming year. Please plan to attend.

***What is God calling us to be and do at this time in this place?*** That's the work of Mission Assessment. Learn more, or find a survey you missed, at <https://fpcsb.net/mission-assessment>, or click **Mission Assessment** from the church home page. Surveys or other feedback to the MAT can be sent to the office, to any member of the team, or left in the box at the table in reception.

***More news and announcements are available*** in your Friday *Keeping in Touch* emails. If you are not receiving these, and you would like to, contact Mimi in the church office.

### **Music Box**

Washington Gladden (1836-1918) — so named because his great-grandfather served as George Washington's bodyguard during the Revolutionary War — was a Congregational pastor. He served in New York, Massachusetts, and Ohio during the post-Civil War industrial era when racial and economic injustice was rampant.

Gladden is remembered today as the father of the Social Gospel in America, an activist who crusaded tirelessly for political and moral reform in industry, commerce and politics. At 18 he joined the temperance movement. He opposed racial segregation. He was a champion of the "working man," a strong supporter of union rights, and he was unafraid to attack corruption in politics — including campaigning against Boss Tweed as religious editor of the New York Independent.

Gladden never earned a theological degree, but he received 35 honorary doctorates, including one from Notre Dame University.

He was also a prolific writer who wrote hundreds of poems, books, articles, editorials, and hymns, including "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee."  
*-- William Zeitler*





*The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.*

*The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.*

As a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregational life is governed by the Ruling Elders of our current Session:

Jeanne Clark, Susan Skoglund, Alex Smith, Tim Usher, Mary Bolaños,  
Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños,  
Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough,  
and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Sharon Landeros, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord,  
Chris Wright-Thomas, Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez,  
Katie Smith, Brad Smith, and Dave Thomas

In this time of change for our congregation, a Mission Assessment Plan will be completed by our Mission Assessment Team:

Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher, Nancy Horstmann,  
Marilyn Kraft, Jim Morris, Brent Nord, Irene Sandoval Suverkrup