

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 15, 2024 10:30 a.m. Worship



Lawrence OP. "These wooden crosses were carved by Rover Scouts of Europe during our Summer Camp in Inverness in August 2015." (CC 2.0)

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He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

*-- Mark 8:34*

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## Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

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, October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

# Morning Worship†

Lector: Dawn Morris

## REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

Preachers might wrestle with the notion of suffering as integral to human existence—at some point everyone endures some degree of distress—as distinguished from suffering in terms of persecution by adversaries because of following God’s way. Jesus’ ministry of healing relationships, liberating captives, mending hearts, and feeding hungry bodies—that is, alleviating suffering—refutes suggestions that general suffering should be accepted as normative.

--Courtney V. Buggs, *WorkingPreacher.org*

## GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*Gentle Graces*

*W. Zeitler*

*Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.*

#### INTROIT

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Charles C. Converse

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

#### \*CALL to WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Look at the heavens!

✘ **They are shouting the glory of God.**

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God’s creative works.

✘ **Their voice goes through all the earth  
and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

✘ **Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

#### \*HYMN 760

*Bring Many Names*

WESTCHASE

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

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## PRAYER of CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

- ✘ You have called us, O God,  
and we have not heard;  
you have stretched out your hand  
and we have not taken it.  
We have taken what you have given us  
and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you.  
We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.  
*(Moment for silent reflection and confession)*
- ✘ Forgive our inability to recognize you  
and live out the reality of your gospel.  
Give us the insight we need  
to understand your place in our lives  
so that our words and actions reflect  
the glory of God in the lives of others.  
In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.

*(We remain seated for the kyrie, an ancient song of the church. We will sing it through in Greek first and then in English.)*

### 577 Lord, Have Mercy

Musical notation for the first system of 'Lord, Have Mercy'. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

*Note: Lower voices may hum.*

Musical notation for the second system of 'Lord, Have Mercy'. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. A triplet of eighth notes is indicated above the final 'son' in the second line.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Dinah Reindorf, 1987; arr. *Sing! A New Creation*, 2001  
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KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

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## ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
and it revives the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure  
and make wise the simple;  
the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
and it enlightens the eyes.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

✘ In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. 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!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le al - le - lu - ia!

## TIME with the CHILDREN

*[Children are always welcome in worship. After the time with Children, we invite our children ages 4 to 11 to go to KidSpace in Room 11.*

*Parents, please pick your children up immediately following worship.  
Infants through pre-Kindergarten may go to the Nursery at any time.]*

## ANTHEM

*With a Voice of Singing*

*Martin Shaw*

With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered the people, Alleluia. The Lord hath delivered the people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of our Lord, make God's name to be glorious. With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia. Alleluia. Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

## PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

✘ Let the words of our mouths  
and the meditations of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE From Psalm 19

*(We read the Psalm responsively. Steve and Wendy will each lead one side.)*

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

*Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.*

There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

*yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

*the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;*

the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

*the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;*

the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;

*the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.*

More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;

*sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.*

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

## Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But

turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Walking with Jesus* *Pastor Wendy Lamb*

**HYMN 738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

**THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

*(We offer our tithes and gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world, and we invite you to take part. You may place your offering in the plates as they are passed. You may always send gifts by mail or online.)*

**BELL OFFERTORY** *Beach Spring* *arr. Kevin McChesney*

**\*DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDRETH

✘ **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.**

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE, 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 331** *God of the Ages* NATIONAL HYMN

**\*MOMENT for REFLECTION**

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*    Charles C. Converse

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

**POSTLUDE**

*Hymn*

**GREETERS:** Claudia Oakes, Lynda Savage

**USHERS:** Al Rueda, *Lead Usher*

Jim Siegmund, *Security Usher*

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

**LIVESTREAM ENGINEER:** James Welte

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

Ron & Ruby Kraft, Deanna Long, Charlene Peterson

*Elders:* Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris

*Deacons:* Chris Thomas, Kristine French, Joyce Lyons

*Pastor Nominating Committee:*

Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris

**This Weeks' Celebrations**

*Sep 15*    Robert Godby

*Sep 17*    Bonnie Ainsworth

*Sep 18*    Mindy Rueda

*Sep 19*    Kimberly Ballard Hansen



***We will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 6th.*** 25% of the Offering will be used in our local community. This year the money will be donated to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), an organization that advocates for children who become involved with the justice system. You can learn more about them at <https://www.casaofsb.org/>

***Deacons' Blood Drive!*** The Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Sign up for a time slot between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. **Brad Smith will be in Fellowship Hall this Sunday after the service to answer questions and sign you up.**

***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 Zeidler*



*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:

Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough, Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis,  
and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas, Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda

In this time of change for our congregation, a Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation:

Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher,  
Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris,  
Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams