

August 13, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Toccata for a Joyful Day*

Diemer

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Dan Sansbury

We Worship Together

Call to Worship

Elder John Joyce

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God; it is he that made us, and we are his.

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to the LORD, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

His faithfulness lasts for all the generations! (Psalm 100)

***Hymn 269** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Friends, remember the words of the Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians and to us: *“But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loves us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.”* Let us with confidence admit our need for God in our lives.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, you gave your only Son Jesus to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the powers of sin and death, and even the fear of death. Now we ask you to continue to transform our lives so that we are not centered upon ourselves, but centered upon you. We confess to thinking that our lives were all about us, when our lives are really all about our relationship with you. We confess to living selfishly, not generously; and anxiously, not joyously. Forgive, cleanse and transform our lives we pray, by your resurrection power at work in us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, remember the good news! In that same letter, Paul tells us again what a remarkable thing our God has already done for us: *“By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not the results of works, so that no one may boast.”* What we cannot do for ourselves, God has already done for us through Jesus Christ. This is the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *The Cuckoo*

D'Aquin

***Praise of God**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***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

Prayers of the People 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.

***Hymn 37** *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

We Receive God's Word

Message to the Children

Scripture I John 1.1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message “What We Have Seen and Heard”

Dr. Sansbury

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 442** *Just As I Am*

WOODWORTH

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune*

Clarke

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God by Michael and Melanie Flynn.

Elder Calvin Phillips is our commissioner to the August 19 meeting (Zoom) of New Harmony Presbytery.

The Church This Week (8/13/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting (ZOOM)
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of August 13, 2023

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Atha Lou Gibson
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Beth O’Neal
 Marion Murphy
 Bobbie Jones
 Keller Smith
 Gene Brymer

WELCOME to worship! We are glad that you have joined us today!

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues its work of seeking our next installed pastor. Members are Cathy Chapman (Chair), Kristen Miller, Katelyn Evans, Christie McLeod, John Long and Calvin Phillips. The congregation is asked to pray for our PNC throughout the pastoral search process.

The Youth Coordinator Search Committee members are Kelli Beck (chair), Kristen Miller, Katelyn Evans, Tammy Joyce, Eva Goddard and Craig Goddard. Please remember our search team in your prayers. Also, send your suggestions for this part-time position to our committee members.

Print copies of Dr. Sansbury’s previous sermons are available in the narthex, or you may request a copy mailed to you by calling the church office (843-537-7474). Focus for next Sunday: James 5.

ELDERS are reminded to get your reports to the church office by Tuesday morning of this week, August 15, so they can be duplicated and distributed to all elders. Our next stated session meeting will be Tuesday, August 22.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery during worship, please sign up at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545afaf22ab9-nursery#/>

NEW--Pastor’s Pals! NEW activities are now available in the narthex for children ages 1st grade & up who remain during the service! Worksheets, games, and fun activities are provided for our little ones in a canvas bag labeled “Pastor’s Pals” located in the narthex. Just pick one up before the service and enjoy! We ask that you neatly place all items back in their respective bags and return to its proper place after the service so that other kids can enjoy the following week. An engaging, interactive worksheet is available for those children who pay special attention to the service. Just fill it out and see Dr. Dan after church for a prize!



The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.

For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.



Our Vision

*Rooted by God’s Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ’s Love*

The Church Staff

Dr. Dan Sansbury, Interim Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mrs. Arneha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Gina Goddard	Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck
John Joyce	Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson
Christie McLeod	David Nagel	Mary Jane Evans
Calvin Phillips	Dan Tillman, III	Jean Page Watson
Charlene Tillman	Jennifer Tillman	

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Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
 Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland

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