

**October 15, 2023**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Prelude** *Westminster Chimes*

Fun Program Chimers

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dan Sansbury

**We Worship Together**

**\*Call to Worship**

Elder Andrew McLeod

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.** (adapted from Psalm 98)

**\*Processional Hymn** *268 Crown Him With Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

**Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)**

Friends, the scriptures tell us that, *"If we say that we have not sinned, the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, our LORD is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* [I John 1.8-9]. Let us now make an honest confession of our need to have the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ, transforming our lives. Let us join together in prayer.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious and Almighty God, we confess how often we do not trust your will for our lives, so we do what seems best to us at the time. Too often we ignore your Word. Too often we fail to follow the Living Word, Jesus Christ. Forgive us our waywardness, O God. Forgive our lack of faith. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Living Christ, upon us today. Make us more and more like Christ in all that we say and do. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, the Scriptures also tell us, *"God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that whoever believed in him would not perish, but have everlasting life. The Son came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him"* [John 3.16-17]. We are the world for whom Christ came, Christ died and Christ rose again. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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*

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Cooper James Tillman

**\*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.**

**\*Response Hymn** *Baptized in Water*

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**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem** *Glory* Fun Program Ringers

McChesney

**\*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**

**Message to the Children**

**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.**

**Prayer Response** *Instrument of Peace*

Fun Program Choir

Madlyn Tinsley, soloist

Gilpin

**\*Hymn** *My Jesus, I Love Thee* (see insert)

**We Receive God's Word**

**Scripture** Mark 10:35-45 and John 13

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "HEROES OF THE BIBLE: Jesus the Servant Leader"

Dr. Sansbury

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** *177 I Will Come to You*

YOU ARE MINE

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *The Rejoicing*

Callahan

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

**The Church This Week (10/15/2023)**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Outreach
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Prayer List as of October 15, 2023**

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

Dan and Joye Sansbury want to thank the congregation for all the prayers, love, support and fellowship of the last 13 months, while Dan served as your interim pastor. The flowers in the sanctuary are given in your honor. Please take one of the carnations home with you today!

The sacrament of baptism will be given today to Cooper James Tillman, son of Ben and Brittany Tillman, grandson of Bill and Charlene Tillman, great-nephew of Dan and Karen Tillman, and the newest members of the Tillman family, who have worshiped and served Christ in this Church for several generations.

Trunk or Treat – Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Mission Outreach Ministry will have a church grounds clean up day Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 until 12:00. Bring rakes, chainsaws, shovels, hedge trimmers and gloves. Our main focus will be on cleaning up the backyard of the Fellowship Building and manse yard.

Our church is growing and we are so excited. The number of children attending nursery during worship has increased and we need your help! We ask that **any adult** who is willing to keep the nursery during worship, please sign up at the link listed below. We ask that **parents** with a young child attending nursery, please help us by signing up for a Sunday every other month. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer in our nursery.

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



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.

NEW! Preschool Pastor’s Pals! Look for the green tags labeled, “preschool,” for activity bags specially designed for children ages 2-4! Bags without a green label are for ages 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. If you take a bag at the beginning of the service, we simply ask that you place all items back in the bag and return to the narthex when finished. Please dispose of any paper trash. We hope you enjoy and may God bless our little ones!



*Our Vision*

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

Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2023

Gina Goddard  
 John Joyce  
 Christie McLeod  
 Calvin Phillips  
 Charlene Tillman

Class of 2024

Marietta Melton Burch  
 Cathy Chapman  
 David Nagel  
 Dan Tillman, III  
 Jennifer Tillman

Class of 2025

Kelli Beck  
 Avery Dickson  
 Mary Jane Evans  
 Jean Page Watson

The Church Staff

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

Mission Partners

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

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

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