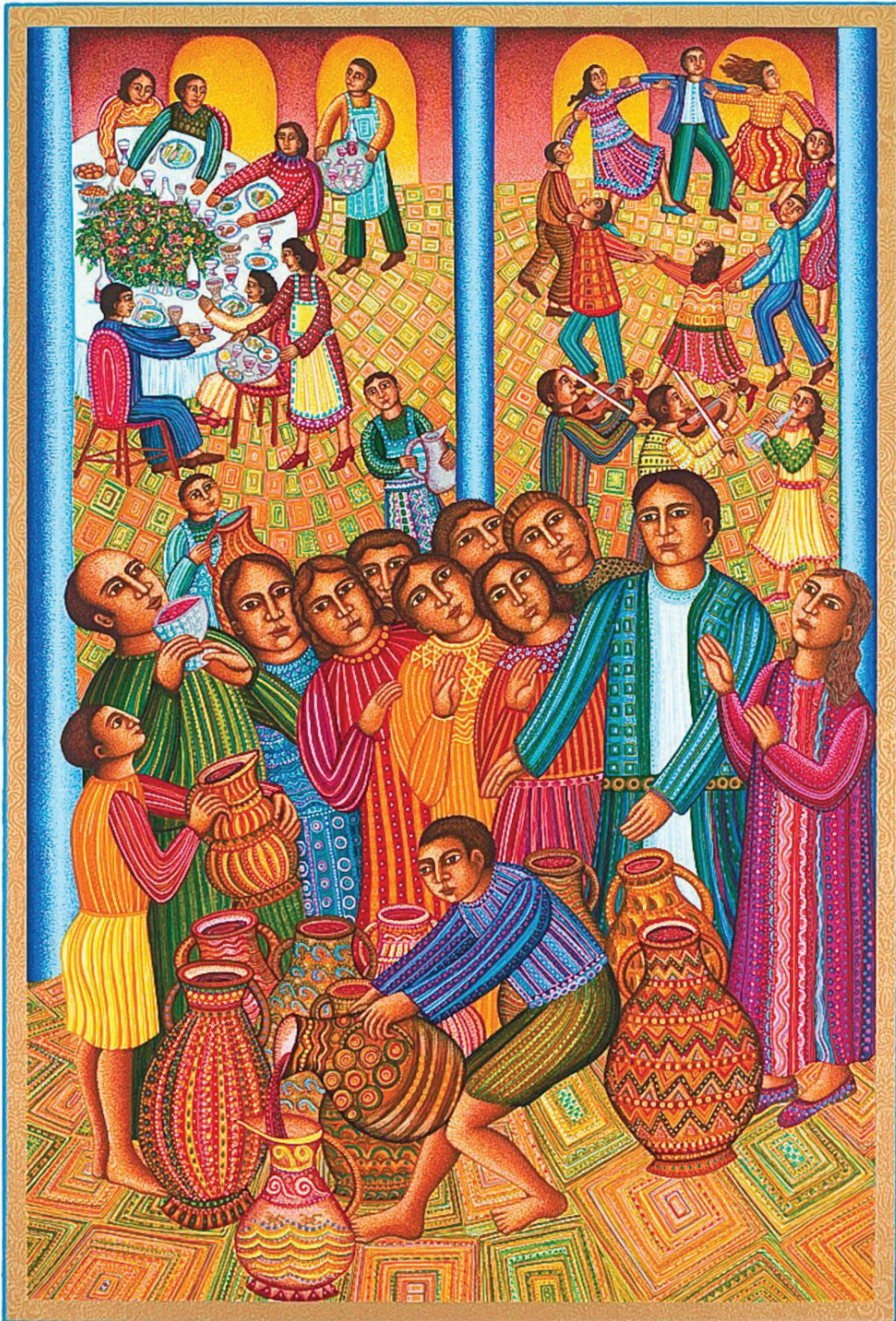




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20TH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST
October 15, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.



“The Wedding Feast”
John August Swanson

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* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Adagio and Allegro* Arcangelo Corelli
FPC Orchestra

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved community, let us assemble with purpose.

In the presence of God, let us find grounding and renewal.

We embrace the holy gift of joy, both personal and communal.

Joy connects us to each other.

Joy calls us to build a better world.

Joy keeps our hearts open and alive.

A friend to righteous anger and determination,

A companion in sorrow and struggle,

Let us worship the One who is Joy, for They sustain and uphold us.

* HYMN 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of Life, grant us the discernment to distinguish between shallow positivity and the riches of joy that surround us: Joy that neither shies away from pain nor pacifies us with short-term distraction.

But joy that gives us the courage to face the struggles of our shared lives with the sustenance we need. May laughter and pleasure, beauty and the freedom you have given us be a source of strength, empathy, and creativity in all we do....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Italian violinist and composer Arcangelo Corelli is known chiefly for his influence on the development of violin style and for his sonatas and his 12 *Concerti Grossi*, which established the concerto grosso as a popular medium of composition.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

NETTLETON

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

The hymn tune NETTLETON is attributed to John Wyeth (1770-1858), a printer by trade, who was known in the history of hymnody as a compiler and publisher of early shape-note tune books.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may not be taken during the service.

Ben and Jenny Bernstein present their child, Zoe Inez Bernstein, born October 15, 2022, for baptism.

* 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**

"Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. Baptism is God's gift of grace and also God's summons to respond to that grace."

— from the PCUSA Book of Order

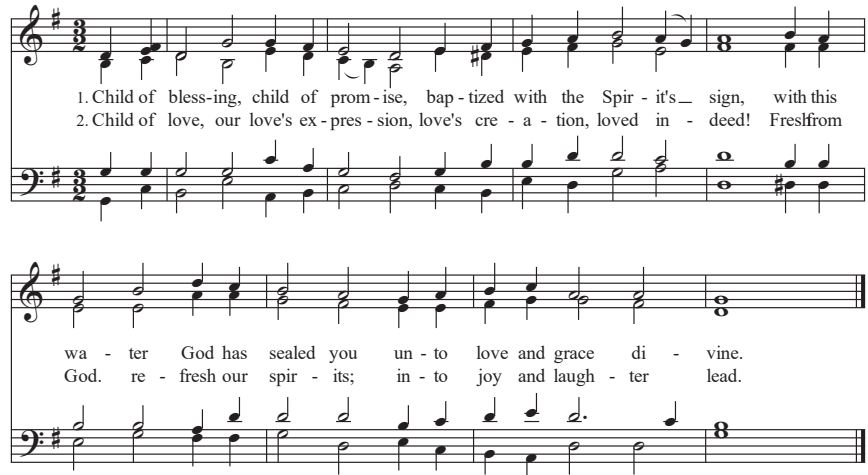
come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND BAPTISM

HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM



1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign, with this
 2. Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed! Fresh from

wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 God. re - fresh our spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

Ways to give:
Cash/Check

Place in the offering plate or in the mail

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Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Psalm 23

Z. Randall Stroope

Sopranos and Altos of the Chancel Choir
 Brandon LePage, flute; Yuki Haring, oboe

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want, Lauda, lauda!
 Through death's dark valleys, no fear will I know, Lauda, lauda!
 My head is covered with the finest oil, my cup runneth over and over.
 Lauda, lauda!
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow!
 Green pastures, still water, the Lord provides! Lauda, lauda!
 My soul restores, my heart renews. Lauda, lauda!
 The Lord prepares me a table, Lauda, no fear have I from my foes.
 The Lord anoints me, guards me, loves me.
 The Lord provides me with a rod and staff,
 They comfort and guide me, Lauda, lauda.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow!
 And in the house of the Lord I will dwell forever, Lauda, lauda!

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

SENDING

COMMISSIONING OF PILGRIMS

* HYMN 302 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace* O WALY WALY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Hornpipe from the Water Music* G.F. Handel
FPC Orchestra



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Art and Helen Parker; and
in loving memory of Regine Fadiman, dear friend of Marilyn Meeker,
by Brad Taylor.*

Nineteen First Pres pilgrims will journey more than 100 kilometers on the Camino de Santiago in Portugal and Spain from October 17 - 31. Their journey will end with worship at the Santiago Compostela. Please hold these men and women in your prayers as they prepare to meet Christ in the unique culture, history, and spiritual depth of all that makes the Camino so unique—while also enduring the challenges of a difficult and undulating walk in varying conditions. Spiritual pilgrimage is less about the outer journey and more about the inner one, as pilgrims seek to understand God present in each moment.

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WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. While you are with us today, we would love for you to do two things:

- 1. Sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.
- 2. Join us following worship for Social Hour.** There will be cookies and coffee and lots of friendly faces.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. Parking is free on Sundays. To get to the church from the structure, cross Forest Avenue and walk down Forest Court to the end of the block.

Worship Resources Online

A replay of today's service and select adult faith formation classes are available on our YouTube channel, [youtube.com/FirstPresA2](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresA2).

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level during the worship service. Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children in 2nd grade and older will be independently dismissed from their classrooms at the conclusion of worship. Children in 1st grade or younger will remain in their classrooms and must be picked up by an adult. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

Worship Leaders

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Tommy Langejans
Rev. Mark Mares
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Lay Reader
Clare Tharp

Musicians
Chancel Choir
FPC Orchestra
Brandon LePage, flute
Yuki Haring, oboe

Organist
David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts
David VanderMeer

Ushers
Bob Andrus
Dick Carlisle
Keith Bilby
Sheila Bilby
Carol Carter
Spaulding Clark
Joe Schmidt
Mary Schudel

Welcome Center
Debbie Swartz

Hillegonds Chapel
Prayer Partners
Nancy Fox
Nancy Oliver

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM	Contemplative Communion Service Monteith Hall
9:30 AM	Worship Sanctuary & Livestream
9:30 AM	Children & Youth Faith Formation Classrooms
10:30 AM	Social Hour Circle Terrace
11:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Classrooms
11:15 AM	Worship Monteith Hall
3:00 PM	Hymn Festival Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Fall Bonfire White Oaks Farm

Camino de Santiago Pilgrims
Dave Christensen
Leslie Christensen
Barbara Concannon
Jen Day
Dave Deromedi
Carol Fairweather
Graeme Fairweather
Nancy Fox
Tamara Gay
Nancy Janz Clark
Deb Lewis
Michele Madden
Steve Papadopoulos
Penny Papadopoulos
Mel Rogers
Ankie Schuitema
Cynthia Smith
Sid Smith
Sharon Watling

FAITH FORMATION @ FIRST

9:30
AM

Children's Formation

Children will move to their classrooms with their teachers after the Conversations with Young Disciples

4 Years Old - 5th Grade
K-1st - Room 302
2-3rd - Room 303
4-5th - Room 304

Youth Formation

Middle School
6-8 Grade
Youth Room

11:00
AM

Adult Formation

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Health and Body Wellness

Social Hall
Speaker: Janet Neice,
Co-Founder of Bold Fit

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament Epistles:

James; 1, 2, & 3 John
French Room & Zoom
Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

Simon Peter:

Flawed but Faithful
Curtis Room & Zoom
Host: Carol Pawloski

Childcare (5 & under) is available from 8:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in First Level Classrooms

For a full listing of offerings and upcoming events, please visit firstpresbyterian.org

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

TODAY: Fall Bonfire

Sunday, October 15
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

It's time for the Fall Bonfire! Come one, Come all! Celebrate the season with us as you bring your family to White Oaks Farm (6641 N. Zeeb Road) for s'mores, cider, games and more! Join us TODAY from 4 to 6 p.m. BYOB if you'd like to share some beer or wine with other adults. Dogs welcome! We'll have everything you need for the s'mores and some additional nibbles! (note: rain date is October 22, same time!) Sponsored by Congregational Life Committee. Questions? Info@firstpresbyterian.org

MISSION

Rotating Shelter

Rotating Shelter returns to First Pres in January! Save the date: January 1-15, 2024! Please consider volunteering to donate food/snacks/warm clothing/hospitality when we turn our church home into an overnight home for a select group of 18-20 un-housed men. Watch for sign-up opportunities in November.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

TODAY: Hymn Festival

Sunday, October 15
3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join us for the All the World From Generation to Generation Hymn Festival presented by First Presbyterian and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Hymns and readings will be offered with a focus on All Saints' Sunday. This event is free and open to the public.

All Saints' Sunday Concert

Sunday, November 5
3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Mozart's Requiem will be presented by FPC's Chancel Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Organ on All Saints' Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. A Love Offering will be received in support of the Sacred Music and Fine Arts Fund.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Undercover Operation

Presbyterian Women is conducting an "Undercover Operation!" We're collecting new children's socks and underwear of all sizes for HOUSE by the Side of the Road now through November. Bring your donations to church and place them in the box by the Welcome Center. Want to give money instead? Do so online or write a check to "Presbyterian Women" with "Undercover" in the memo line.

Cookie Baking

Do you like to bake cookies? Then Presbyterian Women needs YOU!

Volunteers are needed to bake the cookies used for memorial receptions. Can you help? You can bake just before a reception or if you prefer, make cookies whenever you have time and we'll freeze them! Find out the details by contacting Michele Derr.

WORSHIP

All Saints' Sunday Remembrance

All Saints' Sunday is November 5. Names of members and family and friends of members who have died in the last year will be read during worship. To submit a name to be read, please complete the online form at firstpresbyterian.org/signups-forms or by contacting the Church Office by Monday, October 23.



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Every gift matters as we reach out together to make God's love visible in our community and our world. Your generous pledge will help us to reach our goal of \$1,993,000 in 2024.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
OCTOBER 29

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