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17TH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST
September 24, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.



Vincent Van Gogh
“Red Vineyard near Arles”

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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 *Anthem on ABERYSWYTH* arr. Robert Lamb
Sanctus Ringers

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth was made for flourishing.

Life longs to bloom and blossom.

Created in God's image, born of Love itself,

We each have a role, we each play a part.

In service to each other and all our creaturely kin,

We trust in our offerings.

We nurture each other.

We take hope in our collective potential.

May the Creator of Life come and thrive among us.

* HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Day or night, it is always the right time to come before God,

For God already knows what lies in our hearts.

Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

For peace, for reconciliation, for grace.

Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

Our greed, our apathy, our meanness.

Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

Forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion.

And in silence, let us offer God the whole of our hearts....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Song of Forgiveness

Allen Pote

O Lord, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy,

O Lord, have mer - cy on us, we pray. O Lord, for - give us, for -

give us all our sins, as we walk in the light of your love.

Thank you to Betsy Greenwood for the loan of her Silver Melody Bells that are a part of the **Opening Voluntary** by the Sanctus Ringers.

The **Call to Worship** is from *enfleshed*.

The **Prayer of Confession** is adapted from a prayer by Beth Merrill Neel.

Cover:
Vincent Van Gogh
1853-1890.
"Red Vineyards near Arles," from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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

MACHU-PICHU

The cantor will sing stanza 1 in Spanish with the congregation joining in English as directed.



1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!
2 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus!
3 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spir - it!
1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria en los cie - los!
2 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Je - su - cris - to!
3 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria al Es - pí - ri - tu!



To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre! ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya, A - mén!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

Children are invited to stay in worship so that they may experience the liturgy through art presented by Hannah Garrity.

Children are encouraged to read today's Bible story, "the Generous Landowner," (Matthew 20:1-16) in the **Growing in God's Love Bible**. Today's story is found on page 226-227.

Ways to give:
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SCAN ME

RESPONDING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Patrick and Haley Haggin present their son,
George Brewster Haggin, born November 26, 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 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 486

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

A Vineyard Grows

K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

Amid the world's bleak wilderness
a vineyard grows with promised green,
The planting of the Lord our God, the planting of the Lord.
God's love selected this terrain, The vine with love was planted here
To bear the choicest fruit to share.
We are the branches, chosen, dear,
and though we feel the dresser's knife,
We are the objects of God's care.
From God we draw the juice of life,
and then supply the winery
with fruit from which true joys derive.
Vine, keep what I was meant to be,
Your branch, with your rich life in me.

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* 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

* HYMN 712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fanfare* Kenneth Leighton



The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. David Prentice-Hyers. He was ordained September 20, 2003, by Holston Presbytery (PCUSA).



We welcome Hannah Garrity, Director of Faith, Life, and the Arts from Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA. Hannah paints in worship to reflect all the themes she hears. Hannah will teach the Exploring the Faith class today at 11:00 a.m. here in the Sanctuary. This evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall she will work with children, youth, families, and any others who would like to join her as we create paraments and banners that will be used in worship and reflect the theme of our annual giving campaign.



Today we dedicate a collection of books related to anti-racism education, in honor of Rev. Matthew J. Warfield, our former Resident Minister who died in January 2022 while serving at First Pres. Matthew brought kindness, joy, prophetic wisdom, and a deep love of God and neighbor to his life and work. Today we welcome his family and friends as we honor his legacy. The FPC Dismantling Racism team has curated this collection as one step in our ongoing efforts to become a more anti-racist church. Join us for the dedication at 10:45 in the Social Hall, and stop by the library collection in the French Room to check out a book.

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.

Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partners are Anne Andrus and Mary McKeever.

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level during the worship service. Elementary-age children are invited to Faith Formation classes following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

New Member Class

Join us for the New Member Class today at 4 p.m. at the home of Jane Dutton (5555 Red Fox Run). There will be an opportunity to learn, connect, meet staff, and join the church at the end of the class. Contact: Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.

Worship Leaders

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Hannah Lundberg
Rev. Mark Mares
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Rev. Jay Sanderford

Liturgist

Sandra McDonald

Musicians

Chancel Choir
Sanctus Ringers
Benton DeGroot, cantor

Organist

David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Ushers

Omer Bellfi
Karla Olson-Bellfi
Clem Gill
Linda Lampman
Keith Molin
Joe Schmidt
Dick Stuber
Elsa Stuber
Len Rezmierski, Captain

Greeters

Lois Bryant
Linda Koos
Katie Parker

Welcome Center

Beth Gerwig

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

**Contemplative
Communion
Service**
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

Worship
Sanctuary &
Livestream

9:30 AM

**Youth Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

10:30 AM

Social Hour
Social Hall

10:45 AM

**Matthew J
Warfield Collection
Dedication**
Social Hall

10:45 AM

**Children's
Choir**
Lemon Chapel

11:00 AM

**Adult Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

11:15 AM

Worship
Monteith Hall

6:00 PM

Youth Group
Youth Room

FAITH FORMATION @ FIRST

9:30
AM

Children's Formation —————
Children will remain in worship today.

Youth Formation —————
Middle School
6-8 Grade
Youth Room

Adult Formation —————
EXPLORING THE FAITH
**Bringing More Awe
into Our Lives through Art**
Sanctuary
Guest speaker: Hannah Garrity

11:30
AM

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK
**New Testament Epistles:
James; 1, 2, & 3 John**
French Room & Zoom
Host: Ed Koster
This class will not meet this morning. Class will resume next Sunday.

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

CAMPUS MINISTRY **Welcome College Students!**

If you are an undergrad or graduate student, we'd love to welcome you more fully into the life of First Pres! Email Hannah Lundberg at campus@firstpresbyterian.org to learn more about programming for college students and young adults.

CARE & COMPASSION SERIES **Diagnosing and Treating Chronic Pain**

Monday, October 9
7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall
Speaker: Dr. Daniel J. Clauw

Join us on Monday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m., for our Care and Compassion Series on chronic pain. Dr. Dan Clauw, an esteemed expert in the field, will be our guide as he unravels the mysteries of pain that originates from the brain. Prepare to be captivated as he shares the latest insights into the underlying causes of chronic pain and explores a wide range of treatment options. The event will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES **Child & Youth Information Form**

Hey, Parents! It's that time of year again. Please take a few minutes to fill out the Child Information Form for your child/youth (babies through 12th grade) so we can better welcome your child(ren) and make sure our information is correct. Find the form at firstpresbyterian.org/signups-forms

MISSION **Habitat - West Willow Beautification Day**

October 14
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join First Pres and Habitat for Humanity along with West Willow (WW) residents in activities to beautify the West Willow community. Activities will include cleaning out flower beds, working in the community garden, cleaning and organizing inside the WW Community Resource Center and Tool Lending Library, yard clean-up, landscaping, litter pick up, and helping residents dispose of items in dumpsters.

This is a great family volunteer opportunity. Youth ages 14 and up are able to help out with the beautification activities, and youth ages 8

and up are able to build birdhouses.
Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

Food Rescue Program

We need 5-6 volunteers per home game to collect and store the food in the stadium's freezer for approximately 2 hours. The collected food is donated to local food ministry partners. Sign up at firstpresbyterian.org or contact Don Redding at dredding58@yahoo.com for more information.

MATURE MINISTRIES

Loaves and Dishes Cooking Class

Thursday, October 5
10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Social Hall Kitchen

Nutritionist and chef Karin Elling will teach you how to make nutritious and delicious meals that are good for your overall health. Join us on October 5 when Karin will teach us "roasted vegetable three ways." Cost is \$50 per person. Class size is limited to 10 people. Five more classes will be offered this year. To register, visit firstpresbyterian.org.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Open Doors Creative Arts Series

Art Exhibit: Landscapes

We are delighted to begin our Open Doors Creative Arts Series for 2023-24 with an exhibit by local artist John Shultz. The exhibit will run from September through November in the Social Hall.

Performance:

Rising Tide - The Crossroads Project

Sunday, October 8
4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Presented by physicist Dr. Robert Davies and the Fry Street Quartet, *Rising Tide* is a performance piece that draws on music, painting, photography and scientific research in an attempt to entertain, enlighten and, ultimately, encourage people to live sustainably. With an original score by composer Laura Kaminsky, the music erects a contemplative space within each vignette for the audience to process what we now know. The event is free and open to the public. A reception follows in the Social Hall.

WORSHIP

Taizé Service

Tuesday, October 3
7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

Join us for our monthly Taizé service on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. This unique service combines prayer, meditation, and beautiful chants to create a peaceful and reflective atmosphere. Whether you are seeking a moment of tranquility, spiritual connection, or simply a break from the chaos of everyday life, the Taizé service offers a sanctuary for you to find peace and renewal.



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