



“The Parable of the Lost Sheep” etching by Jan Luyken (April 16, 1649 – April 5, 1712)

Service for the Lords Day
14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

“Rally Day” is this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the ELA/Chapel room. It is the kickoff of our Sunday school year. There will be finger food and drinks! Children and youth and all adults will meet their teachers and hear about what’s happening for our new church education year. Everyone is given the opportunity to commit to learning about Jesus and his love and to becoming closer as a church family through fellowship. Get up a little bit earlier this Sunday and commit to growing into “a holy temple in the Lord; in whom (we) are built together spiritually into a dwelling place of God.” (Ephesians 2:21b-22) I believe that if you make that commitment to attending Sunday school regularly, then we as a body of believers in Jesus will truly be built together spiritually into a holy place where both God dwells and people who are seeking God can find a home. Pray about it; think about it; and make a commitment to this new Sunday school year.

Also, we will be “feasting on the Word” of God once again. The sermons in worship will usually be connected to the scripture studied in Sunday school. Last year I think it worked well as we began this connection between Sunday school and worship. The good thing about our connecting worship and the sermon to Sunday school is that different perspectives will be shared and there will also be reinforcement of the biblical story. Sometimes it takes my hearing something more than once to embed it in my brain. I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday for “Rally Day” at 9:15 a.m. and worship at 10:00 a.m., as we kickoff our new year of Christian education and continue to grow “to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:13b)

Peace and joy,

Jim





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Preparation for Worship (Read before service for quiet meditation):

Annie Dillard, in her book *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, writes about worship: "Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return." (as recorded on p.153 of *Vital Congregations Initiative Pastors' Workbook*, from *Teaching a Stone to Talk: Expeditions and Encounters*, 1982, 40-41)

Chiming of the Hour

McGrew Carillon

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. James Moran

Introit

"Give Praise to the Lord"

Choir

***Call to Worship**

(Psalm 31:1-5)

Leader: In You, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me.

People: Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake lead and guide me.

All: Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

***Hymn**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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***Call to Confession**

(from 1 Peter 2:24-25)

Leader: Jesus himself bore our sins in His body on the cross.

People: For we were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

Leader: To the Good Shepherd, we now confess our sins.

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Ruler of all, we confess that we have sought to please ourselves instead of glorifying You. We have set aside the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, and have relied upon our own strength rather than upon Your Spirit. Forgive our stubborn insistence on doing things our own way and serving You on our own terms; teach us to seek Your kingdom first, and Your justice before all else, confident that Your promise to care for us is fully trustworthy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time of silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All: We believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

Pastoral Prayer 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.

A Time for Young Christians (Third grade and up please remain in worship)

Kate Canady

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Page 208, NT Pew Bible

Anthem

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

Choir

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 15:1-10

Page 78, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

"One Sinner Is Worth Ninety-nine Righteous"

Rev. Jim Moran

***Affirmation of Faith**

"A Brief Statement of Faith" (11.1-.2, .5)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Commissioning of Sunday School and Parents' Day Out Teachers

Pastor: "Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."
(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

(Sunday School, Children's Church, and Parents Day Out teachers are invited to come forward)

First Presbyterian Church needs leaders, those who are committed to bringing God's gifts to the ministry of Christian Education. We need people whose faith is grounded in the Holy Bible informed by the church's history, nurtured by the community, and conceived for the whole family of God's people. Where will we find people ready to make that commitment?

Teachers: **As part of our discipleship and in response to our love for both God and the church, we wish to make that commitment.**

Congregation: **Thank you for your response and commitment! We, as the body of Jesus Christ, commit to Christian Education and Parents' Day Out in First Presbyterian Church. How can all of us use our talents in the Christian Education ministry of our church?**

Teachers: **You can use your talents in a ministry of support, by volunteering to help when called on to use your gifts, by coming to Sunday school, and through your prayers, faith, friendship, and commitment to our Lord Jesus, Sunday school, Parents' Day Out, and our church's ministry.**

Pastor: Varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. Varieties of service, but the same God inspiring them all in everyone. May the Lord Jesus Christ, as He promised, be with us always wherever we are. Teachers, you are commissioned by God to love and teach our children, youth, and adults about the good news of Jesus Christ and His love.

The Offertory

*Doxology

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 Thanksgiving

*Hymn

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound!”

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*Charge

Leader: As God has welcomed us, welcome sinners and eat with them.

People: **Seeking and finding the lost, we shall rejoice with friends, neighbors, angels, and our Lord.**

*Benediction

(Hebrews 13:20-21)

Now may the God of peace, Who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do His will, working among us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Benediction Response

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Choir

September 9th	AA Meeting 1:00pm
September 11th	Rally Day Breakfast 9:00am Bring your Good Sam Donations Youth Group Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm
September 12th	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm Property Meeting 5:00pm Mission Meeting 5:30pm Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm
September 13th	AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm PW Night Circle 6:00pm
September 15th	AA Meeting 7:00pm
September 16th	AA Meeting 1:00pm
September 18th	Sunday School Starts Bring your 5 cents-a-meal Donations Youth Group Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm
September 19th	Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm
September 20th	Pastoral Care Meeting 10:00am AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00pm



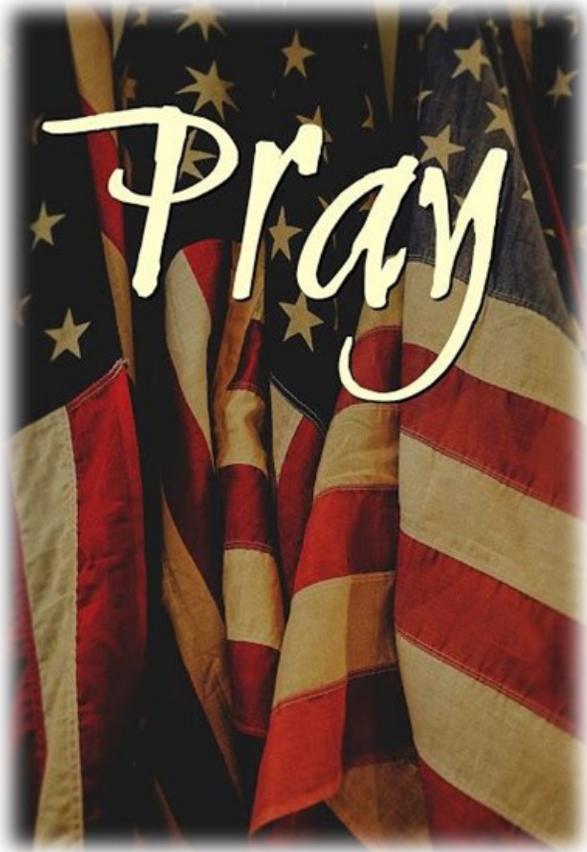
Feasting on the Word

FIESTA

Your Faith Development Committee invites you to join us for food and fellowship as we kick off Rally Day.

**Sunday, September 11th
9:15am-9:45am**

ELA Classroom / Chapel
Breakfast finger foods
will be served



Lana Craig (Member)
Billie Crowell (Member)
Sandra Crowell (Relative of Donna Sepull)
Evelyn Davidson (Member)
Paige Martin Fague (Friend of Ginger Shofner)
Family & Friends of Elaine Holcombe (Member)
Edwin Holcombe (Member)
Fred Hunt (Member)
K. & S. Kennedy (Friends of Marylyn Caperton)
Tony & Carolyn Matusek (Members)
Jo Newton (Friend of many in the congregation)
Jennie Schutte-Patrick (Bea Marsh's Sister-in-law)
Family & Friends of Danny Reed (Dana Phillip's Father)

LT Andy Canady (Member)
Airman Chase Blanton (Member)
Those in Military Service and their families
Those who are serving abroad and at home

Names for the Prayer List will remain on the list for 60 days. If you would like someone to remain on the list beyond the 60 days, please contact the church office.



September 13th
Knox Smith

September 15th
James Smith

September 18th
Linda Garrard



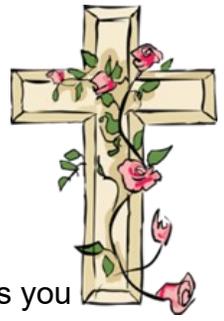
"Thank you all for the love and care you gave to Elaine Holcombe over the last several years. Thank you for the kindnesses you showed our family as we gathered to grieve and say goodbye to wife, mother, and grandmother. You are a wonderful example of Christ's love." Blessings from the family of Elaine Holcombe





Wonderful Wednesdays...

Starts Wednesdays on September 28th!



Pastor Jim is excited to start a new Wonderful Wednesday at FPC and invites you to journey with him as we make all things **WONDERFUL (on) WEDNESDAYS!**

Here is our Line-Up:

- 5:30 Chancel Choir
- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:35 Bible Study (Adults and teens)
Music & Mission (Ages 3 thru Grade 6)
Nursery (Must pre-register with the Church Office)

This is a Wonderful way to involve your families, invite your friends and neighbors, and get excited about all the wonderful ways we fellowship, learn, and explore God's word together!

Here is a deeper dive about each:

→ **Dinner** A dinner will be offered for a reasonable cost. Salads will always be available, as will PB & J! More information will be coming in the e-weekly as to how to register and how you might help. (Pastor Jim has the scoop that the children will sing our table blessings now and then!)

→ **Bible Study** Pastor Jim will launch his **Bible 101: Old Testament Access via the Kings!** This study is for those who are new to the Bible and also scholars who want to see a fresh approach. He promises to make it interesting and informative. You will need to register to let him know that you are coming (more the merrier), so that he can have a packet ready for you. The Study will include something for everyone! This is also a great time to invite your neighbors and friends, as we learn and laugh together.

(P.S.: For those who have been asking Denise, this is one of her favorite studies!)



Music & Mission Music & Mission returns in full swing with music for older and younger children! We will be learning songs for blessings to share during our Wednesday night meals and intend to sing each month in Worship.

Please note the following:

- ~ Choir T-Shirts – are being ordered, and we hope to distribute them at our first meeting;
- ~ Melody Bells – have been donated, so we will be ringing, too;
- ~ Christmas Pageant – music has been ordered, and we will start working on our Christmas songs at our first meeting! You will not want to miss.
- ~ Missions – We are hard at work to bring Mission opportunities to the children, introducing them to our foreign missions (and maybe a missionary or two) and within our local community. Crafts and games will be incorporated!

→ **Nursery** If you (or a friend who is coming) need a Nursery for children who are younger, please let the Church Office know. We would love for parents to participate!

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP starts back Sept. 11th

Join us from 4pm-6pm!!!

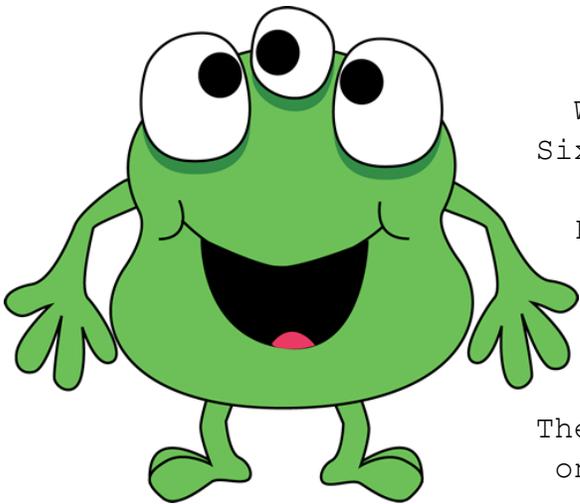
We hope you will make plans to join us for fellowship, food and fun. Bring your friends with you and join us on Sunday evenings. Dinner will be provided by a different family each week.

We need your help with dinners...

There is a sign-up sheet next to the flower calendar in the hallway on the bulletin board or you can just let Chenel know.

New Worship Class Starts

(for 3rd through 6th Graders)



Pastor Jim will be teaching a three-session Worship Class for those in the Third through Sixth Grade. The Class will include discussions about faith, worship, and Holy Communion. Pastor Jim will be contacting each family to decide possible dates/times. If at all possible, we will eat together and enjoy table fellowship, as well.

The goal is to celebrate Holy Communion together on the first Sunday of October, which is World Communion Sunday!



Young Adult SS Class

(Adults under 40 or with children in high school or lower grades)

Denise is excited to start meeting again!

A couple of people in our group have asked for a summary or revisit of The Shack, which we will do for the classes on September 18th (come prepared for something special) and a final review for September 28th. Yes, we will discuss the hard topics of judgment and forgiveness: is forgiveness optional, how-to when I really don't want to, why should I?

New book....Denise is ordering a new book for each participant. The book will be about the choices we make and the ripples we leave behind, as we make our footprints upon the world!

Building structure.....please think about volunteering for one of these roles: Fellowship Leader or Missions Leader. If there are no volunteers, Denise will be calling on individuals to help plan activities and rally participation!



Sunday, September 11, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

Brent Canady

Michal Dobson

James & Lori Smith

Flowers: **Charlotte Williams**

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Terry Saylor

Children's Church

Belinda Craig

Nursery

Katherine Marsh

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Ushers/Greeters

Norma Zae Jensen

Pat Thomas

Richard & Kristin Wilhelm

A Time for Young Christians

Kate Canady

Hall Monitor

Belinda Craig

Children's Church

Katherine Marsh

Nursery

Christy Jensen

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Welcome to our Guest Pastor, Rev. John Crawford

Ushers/Greeters

Helen Garner

Charlotte Williams

Christy Jensen & Rob Marsh

A Time for Young Christians

Connie Crafton

Hall Monitor

Evan Pendergrass

Children's Church

Bea Marsh

Nursery

Lauren Smith

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