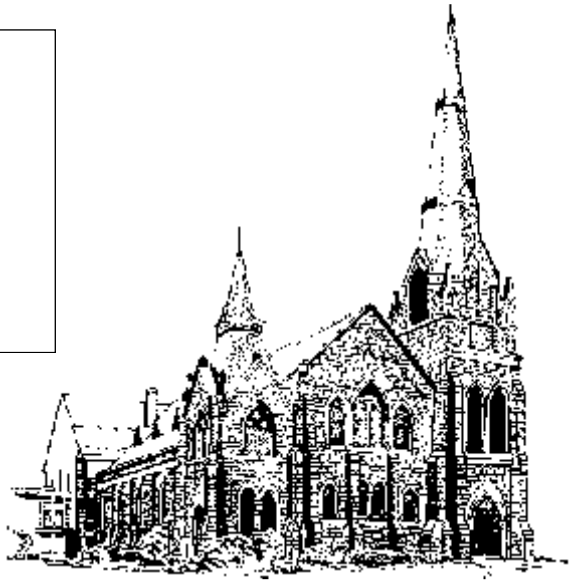


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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

Sunday, November 12, 2023
9:30 am
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

REFLECTION

"I think we are in sore need of thanksgiving."

Rev. David Lose

PRELUDE

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying,

'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.

1. All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him lord of all!
3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because we live in this modern, tech-driven, twittering age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills, but have forgotten that life is more than a machine. We have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily. Forgive us, Restorer of life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome to the Table all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.
We don’t say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 582

“Glory to God”

GLORY TO GOD

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
2. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

CHILDREN'S PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 469

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Turkey Drive

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 66:1-7,16-20

Page 499, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art"

Craig Courtney

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

Page 75, NT

SERMON

"Not Just Talking About It"

Rev. William Schram

*HYMN NO. 179

"Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn"

RADIANT CITY

1. Ten lepers facing constant scorn, emboldened by their daily plight, encountered One whose healing touch was known to put disease to flight. The ten outsiders sought relief: "Have mercy, Master, hear our plea." "Seek out the priests," the Healer said. He knew the walk could set them free.
2. A nameless junction in the road became a holy turnabout. One awe-struck convert spun around and, praising God, began to shout. God gave the space to turn around to all the others on the way, but only one resolved to seize the miracle of grace that day.
3. Would we have stopped, retraced our steps, and then embraced the living Lord whose word had banished all our sores? What kind of thanks would we afford? God, make of us your living tithes; the first fruits, fit to work for you. Let each be like that one in ten: transformed and cleansed, restored, made new.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

Stewardship

*HYMN NO. 327

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Refrain

3. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Refrain

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"May the Peace of God Go With You"

Hal H. Hopson

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Lasst uns erfreuen"

Hal H. Hopson

* Please rise in body or spirit

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Valerie Shondel, Director of Music
FPC Chancel Choir
Ray Liptak, AV Engineer
Dennis Velez, Assistant AV Engineer
Matthew Califf & Michael Sperrazza, AV Team

✠ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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