

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Prelude

Crystal Hogan

Call to Worship:

Surely God is our sole source of salvation.
Let us trust in the Lord and not be afraid.

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

No. 215

Prayer of Confession:

Our strength is in God alone and so we pray:
Give us courage, Lord.

When others challenge our faith,
Forgive our fears and give us courage so we may stand up for the truth.

When we fear suffering for our faith,
Forgive our weakness and give us the courage to not compromise our beliefs.

When we see others who have compromised their faith,
Forgive us for desiring the 'low road' of mediocrity and give us the courage to stand up and take the 'high road' for Your glory.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

Response:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri (*Avery & Marsh*):

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world
without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever
shall be world without end.
Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A---men. Amen!

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Terry Sovey

Scripture Reading: Malachi 4:1-2

Pg. 802, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

Pg. 500, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: Luke 21:5-19

Pg. 880, Pew Bible

Sermon: *It's Not Alright, But It's Going to Be Okay*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nick and Jaime Beaster

Jay and Diane Rasmussen

*Affirmation of Faith: *Heidelberg Confession*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mike March, Bill Stanek, Dean Wright, Nora Lundy, Chris Hanley,
Scott Doda, Charlie Novara, Marge Balmes, Floyd Kucharski,
Geri Anderson, Joy Palzewic, Mary Rushford, Phil Peterson,
Jon LaCourt, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr;
the family of Lorraine Kelly; the PNC;
missionaries, Sam and Cayla.

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.**

The Offering

Choral Anthem: *Great Hope* (A. Byram, R. Logan)

***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: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* No. 730

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *Onward, Christian Soldiers* No. 731, chorus

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 1:00p.m. Christmas Decorating
5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

Tuesday: 9:00a.m. Christmas Decorating
No Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 9:00a.m. Christmas Decorating
10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob
No Youth Programs
6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
1:00p.m. Parkinson Meeting

Friday: 11:30a.m. Women's Luncheon
at Holiday Kitchen

Next Sunday: 8:45a.m. Sunday Conversations

Christmas Decorating! The Decorating Committee invites all who are interested to help decorate our building for Christmas this week as noted above. Tuesday and Wednesday lunch will be provided.

Children's Christmas Program: December 21st

There is a sign-up sheet for all youth 3-years – 12th grade who are interested in participating in the Christmas Program.

All women are invited to the Women's Luncheon this Friday, November 21st, at Holiday Kitchen at 11:30a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room.

Food Drive: The teens are still collecting non-perishable food items and grocery gift cards to help several local families with Thanksgiving dinner and groceries. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room if you would like them to pick up your donations or you can drop them off here at church. Grocery gift cards can be put in the collection plate or dropped off in the office.

If you plan to make a Cranberry Christmas Cake for our Community Christmas Dinner, you can buy cranberries now and put them in the refrigerator (*do NOT freeze*). One 12oz. bag makes one cake. The pans with the recipes will be available on the 30th.

Ushers: Dan Anderson and Kirsten Kaad
Louise Swope and Mary Swope