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WE ARE A NURTURING,  
VIBRANT CONGREGATION,  
REACHING OUT TO  
THE COMMUNITY AND  
STANDING AS A BEACON  
OF CHRIST'S LOVE  
AND PROMISE.



*August 14, 2022*  
*10:30 a.m.*

# Sharing the Life of the Church

**GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST! WE REJOICE IN YOUR PRESENCE TODAY AND EVERY SUNDAY. TRY TO MEET AT LEAST ONE PERSON NEW TO YOU. WE ARE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.**

**Coffee Hour** - Please join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's coffee hour is hosted by **Joyce Boso**.

*Pastor Annie invites you to stop by the Harris Room at **10:15** for a chat.*

Hosts for Coffee Hour are needed. Please sign up on the chart outside the Harris Room. If you have any questions, contact Yvonne White, 304-422-1104.

**Backpack Blessing** - Today during our 10:30 worship, Pastor Annie will offer a Blessing of the Backpacks as we pray for all children returning to school this week.

**Cleanup Day at Friendship Park** - We are looking for volunteers to help at Friendship Park on **Saturday, August 28, at 9 a.m.** Our main focus will be repainting faded signs, flowers and hands around the park, picking up trash, and landscaping touch-ups. All supplies will be provided. If you would like to help, you may sign up in the foyer. For more information contact Morgan James at [Bibbeemorgan@gmail.com](mailto:Bibbeemorgan@gmail.com), or Amy Rogers at [amy\\_rogers87@hotmail.com](mailto:amy_rogers87@hotmail.com).

**Stewardship Season** is coming, and this year Pastor Annie will be leading a corresponding study of the book "Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries" by Eric H. F. Law. This will start in September and then continue every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

through October as we prepare for pledge Sunday. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

**Office Volunteers** - Occasionally we need someone to work in the church office so that the secretary can have time off. If you would be interested in helping out, please call Judi at the office, 304-422-5426, and let her know.

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Lord, thank you for the children you've given us. They are a blessing and gift.

As they head back to school, may you protect them from any harm. Send your angels to guard them, and hide them under the shadow of your wings.

Provide them with good friends that will sharpen them, O Lord. May they also be a good influence for their friends. Give them strength to do their schoolwork. Give them wisdom, understanding and knowledge. May they continue to hold on to the hope we find in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	July	YTD	
<b>Income</b>	\$16,212.44	\$132,534.64	
<b>Expenses</b>	\$21,648.22	\$146,665.00	
<b>Diff. (+ /-)</b>	(\$ 5,435.78)	(\$ 14,130.36)	
<b>Avg. Attendance:</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>YTD</b>	
	<b>8:30</b>	14	13
	<b>10:30</b>	44	46
	<b>Facebook</b>	6	Families

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 14, 2022*

*10:30 a.m.*

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## GATHERING

### Preparation for Worship

### Sharing the Life of the Church

### Prelude

Rejoice, O My Soul

Robert Schumann

### \*Call to Worship

Long ago a vineyard was planted.

*The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.*

But the vines grew wild. The ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

*What happened in that place of promise?*

People forgot the One who planted the vineyard.

They chose their own ways and failed.

*We don't want to be like those who turned away from God.*

Then let us turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune,  
and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

*Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways  
and God's word.*

### \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

*Ancient and eternal God,*

*we sing your praises in the vineyards of our lives.*

*In your holy wisdom, tend the garden of our love.*

*Where we have become ragged and wild,*

*prune us in the way we should grow.*

*We come as wild grapes,*

*yearning to grow fruitful in your love.*

*Show us the way, through Jesus your Son,*

*to discern your will, hear your word,*

*and grow in your ways,*

*as we deepen the roots of our faith.*

*Protect the growth of our spirit. Amen.*

### \*Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Children's Time**

Blessing of the Backpacks

**Confession and Pardon**Call to ConfessionPrayer of Confession

*God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people.  
 We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love,  
 yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts,  
 or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them.  
 We act as though we were abandoned children,  
 trying to make it on our own.  
 Christ taught us to live as people of compassion and service.  
 But our service has been mostly for ourselves,  
 for our own gratification. We have failed to be your church  
 and neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort.  
 Forgive us, O merciful God.  
 Renew our lives once more.  
 Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others.  
 For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

*SILENCE for personal confession ...*

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and know that in baptism  
 you have been marked as a beloved child of God.

Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do,  
 God is always ready to welcome you back  
 and set you on your feet again.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.*

\*Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

*Glory to God*

GLORIA PATRI

**\*Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*And also with you.*

*Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.*

## Special Music

### GROWING

#### Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**Scripture** Isaiah 5:1-7 p. 486

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**Scripture** Luke 12:49-56 p. 738

The gospel of the Lord  
*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**Sermon** “FIERY DIVISION” Rev. Annie McMillan

**Confession 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.*

### CARING

**The Offering** Proclaim the Glory of the Lord arr. Nathan DiGesare

\*The Doxology

Hymn 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Glory to God*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

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## Prayers of the People

### 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.*

## GOING

\*Hymn 817                      We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight                      DUNLAP'S CREEK

### \*Benediction and Sending Forth

The Postlude                      Jesus Shall Reign                      arr. John Hatten



### PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadle - *Connor Buchanan*

Liturgist - *Morgan James*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Guest Organist - *Jason Wyers*

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*Scripture Readings for next week: August 21  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, August 14

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room  
*10:15 - Coffee with the Pastor*  
10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary  
*Blessing of the Backpacks*

### Monday, August 15

- 6:00 p.m. Mission Committee - Room 204

### Tuesday, August 16

- 5:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration Comm. - Room 204  
6:00 p.m. Anniversary Celebration Planning - Room 204  
7:00 p.m. Facilities Mgmt. Budget Planning - Room 204

### Thursday, August 18 *First day of school in Wood Co.*

- Virtual Presbytery Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 3 - Scout House

### Saturday, August 20

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards  
12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 123

### Sunday, August 21 *Cents-Ability Offering*

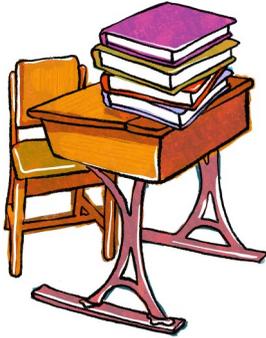
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**Prayer List** – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bob Oaklander	Jim and Susan Higgins	Brook Hurt
Wayne Sanders	The Vasquez Family	Brenda Good
Doug Anderson	The Mahler Family	Carol Watson
Harriet Litteral	Megan Dougherty	Mike Lewis
Mary Jo Blythe	Homebound Members	Carrie Schafer
Denise Fragale	Troops – World Peace	Chuck Baker
Ruth Ann Huddle	Victims of Ukraine war	Matt Null
Michael Hocking		Bill Niday

## **MORE THAN READING, 'RITING AND 'RITHMETIC**

You may recall that many followers of Jesus called him “Rabbi.” In essence, the word means teacher. Clearly the word describes the brilliant Nazarene who was constantly teaching his listeners about God and God’s expectations of humans.



In a secular society, it is of paramount importance that the teachings of Christ be proclaimed and affirmed wherever possible. In the early days of our country, it was customary for public schools to teach reading, writing and arithmetic as well as Christian principles. Subjects being taught were presented in a setting of morality, religion and character development.

The reading book compiled by William H. McGuffey in 1836 focused on such themes as self-denial, temperance, obedience, and warned against laziness, profanity, stealing and vanity.

In our time, however, when it is difficult to focus on God and spiritual matters in public schools, our churches and families have a great responsibility. Bible study and discipleship, not only for children but for adults as well, must be of primary importance. Prayer, as well as discussion of social issues from a Christian point of view, must be practiced in the home and church. We must learn and teach about Christ.

“Learn from me,” Jesus said. “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:29 NRSV). Where shall we learn of him or from him if not in our churches and homes?