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October 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.



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

Sharing the Life of the Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON REFORMATION SUNDAY. WE REJOICE IN GOD'S UNCHANGING WORD AND SAVING GRACE.

Coffee Hour - Join us in the Harris Room at 10:00 for coffee, light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **the Shuman family**.

Stewardship - To assist the Financial Management team in preparing next year's budget, please return your pledge cards no later than next **Sunday, November 2**, Stewardship Dedication Day. Blank pledge cards are available at the "Happenings" bulletin board.

Bible Study - All are welcome to join Pastor Annie on Wednesdays in the Harris Room for a study of the book of Revelation. Sessions are held at **11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Please advise Pastor Annie if you plan to join on ZOOM.

Mission Needs - We are collecting donations of gently used shoes and men's clothing, as well as coffee and powdered coffee creamer, for *House to Home* day shelter for the homeless. Leave all donations in the marked bins in the foyer.

Veterans Day Observance is Sunday, November 9. To list the name of a living veteran in the bulletin, submit a form (available at the "Happenings" bulletin board) no later than **October 30**, by placing in the offering plate or the office mailbox.

Sunday, November 16 - Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley from the Presbyterian Foundation will lead us in worship, and then later at the Legacy Luncheon she will present a seminar on planned giving.

Congregational Meeting - November 16
Immediately following 10:30 Worship, prior to the Legacy Luncheon in the Harris Room, there will be a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing church officers for the coming year, and voting on a proposed change to our Manual of Operation concerning the Columbarium Board.

LEGACY LUNCHEON - Have you ever "paid it forward"? Bought coffee or paid the toll for the next person in line, or given a gift to someone because someone had done the same for you?

It feels good to take care of someone like that, right? A bequest is a simple, beautiful way to pay it forward for the next generation and take care of them in lasting ways.

On **November 16**, we will enjoy a luncheon and seminar on how to discern your own legacy, how to share that message with the church and those you love, and how to make a planned gift to continue your ministry here.

We look forward to exploring how we can continue to be Christ's hands in the world through First Presbyterian Church – even after our lifetimes.

Feed Seniors Now - Through November, we will collect non-perishable food items for local seniors. A list of items is available at the red collection barrel in the foyer.

Daylight-Saving Time Ends November 2!
Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

Garden of Gethsemane

Robert J. Hughes

***Call to Worship**

by Rev. Paul Mitchell, adapted

The world tells us "Compete to thrive."

Paul teaches "If all the parts were alike, where would the body be?"

"They are, indeed, many different members but one body."

We are learning how cooperation is a better model.

God calls us to use our diverse gifts to support,
uplift, and care for one another.

Let us worship the Creator, who makes us one.

***Prayer of the Day**

by Rev. Kelby Werner, adapted

Let us pray:

God of creation and community, in your love

we have been made equal, beautiful, and diverse.

***In this time of worship, place into our hearts a spirit of reciprocity,
recognizing that as we have been called into relationship with you,
we are also called into relationship with one another.***

We know that alone we are limited, and our resources are scarce.

In cooperation with one another,

***in cooperation with you who give us life and breath,
there is bountiful flourishing to be found.***

***Through cooperation, all creation may live in joyful interdependence,
fully able to embrace your joyful love and peace. Amen.***

***Hymn 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Children's Time

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession

*Creator God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not acted as the stewards you intended us to be.
We waste the bounty you provide, including food and grain,
and don't notice whether our neighbors have enough.
Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to be good stewards.
Make us rich in good works, generous,
and eager to share all the blessings of abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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,
you are accepted, you are washed clean, you are set free.
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

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

For the Beauty of the Earth/
Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Carol Tornquist

Prayer for Illumination

Slow us down, Lord, and remind us that only one thing is needed right now:
that we be still before you and know that you are God.
Lift every shutter within our mind and open every door within our soul,
that we may embrace what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture	Genesis 1:26-31 The word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	<i>p. 1</i>
Scripture	1 Corinthians 12:12-27 The word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	<i>p. 813</i>
Sermon	“INTERDEPENDENCE”	Rev. Annie McMillan

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.***

The Offering Garden of Prayer Edward Broughton

*The Doxology

Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

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.***

***Hymn 22**

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

Benediction and Sending Forth*The Postlude**

Trumpet Air

Henry Purcell/arr. Lani Smith

Worship ParticipantsAcolytes - *Connor Buchanan, Emily Shuman, Lincoln Springer*Beadles - *Ellie Buchanan, Riley Shuman*Liturgist - *Greg Boso*Sound Technician - *Chris Alfred*Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

Next week, November 2, All-Saints' Sunday,
we conclude the sermon series based on *The Serviceberry*.

The theme will be "Hope and Community."

Scripture Readings will be:

Isaiah 55:10-13

Acts 4:32-37

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Mike Beckett
Harriet Litteral
Thomas Graves
Rachel Davies
Barbara Lucas
Brandon Davis
Barbara Perez
Robert Forinash
Fleming Family
The Homebound

Jimmy & Vivian Ross
Ruth Ann Huddle
Rose Logston
Herman Triphaus
Danny Clevenger
Angie Harkness
Zach Mullinnex
Pam Lauderman
Derrick Sheppard
Pat & Ann Patterson
Troops/World Peace

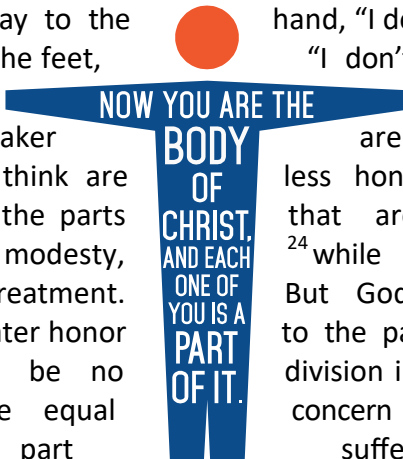
Randall Siers
Pat Hess
Illikai Beer
Ann Feters
Ted Beckey
Denny Nelson
Vicki Shuman
Dan Sombeck
Brad Carter
Dan Ellis

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the hand cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that need no special treatment, together, giving greater honor that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁴ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.



**NOW YOU ARE THE
BODY
OF
CHRIST,
AND EACH
ONE OF
YOU IS A
PART OF IT.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27. NIV

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

THIS WEEK AT FPC



Today - Sunday, October 26

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Room 204
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Ensemble - Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Riverview Cemetery meeting - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Juliana Ringers rehearsal - Bell Room

Monday, October 27

- 6:30 p.m. Parkersburg Pride - Room 204
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee - Harris Room

Wednesday, October 29

- 11:30 a.m. Bible Study - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124

Thursday, October 30

- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Room 123
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, November 1

- 8:30 a.m. Facilities Management / Saturday Stewards
- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204
- 6:00 p.m. MOV Indian Association - Stevenson Hall



DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME ENDS

Sunday, November 2 *All-Saints' Sunday / Communion* *Stewardship Dedication*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Room 204
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Juliana Ringers rehearsal - Bell Room