

**SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
***Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
**September 20, 2020 11:00am Live Stream**

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE *"Let All Things Now Living"* arr. Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *"Morning Has Broken"* Gaelic Melody

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Sing aloud to God our strength;

**People: Shout for joy to the Lord of life!**

Liturgist: We come to praise the one, holy, and living God.

**People: Let us give God the glory today and forever!**

HYMN *This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, Oh, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: The battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one. Amen.

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

**Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude. We often hoard what we have, and we live in overriding fear. We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us. Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of sacrificial love.** *(continue in silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: God rejoices when we repent and return.

**People: We can rejoice because we have been reconciled to God and to one another.**

Liturgist: As God's reconciled people, we are set free to love and serve anew.

**People: Let us rejoice in our salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Glory Be to the Father* (Hymn 579)

**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. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 2: 1-8*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"* Sabastian Temple  
Anne & Caroline Howey

GOSPEL READING *Mark 9: 30-37*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *A Pandemic Learning Curve* Rev. Edgar McCall

MUSIC SELECTION *"Chorale on 'We Walk by Faith'"* arr. Robert Powell

AFFIRMATION of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (Hymnal, Page 14 Traditional)

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, Page 16)

MOMENT for STEWARDSHIP and DEDICATION

HYMN *Jesus Love Me!*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee, saying 'Let them come to Me'.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE *"Festival Alleluia"* Dan Miller

**Congregational responses are printed in bold.**



**FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

Steve & Cindy Williams  
 Bill & Jamie Williams  
 Buck, Cindy & Zach Winchester

**PASTORAL NEEDS:** The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church at 283-3329, to ensure the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

**Prayer Concerns**

*Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.*

**Please pray for our members:** James & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Martha & Ervin Robinson; Cindy Ruh; Ann Mori; Robert Lee & Annie Sue Steele; Garren Adamson; Mary Mc Adamson; Ned Gregory.

**Friends of the church:** Libby Woodruff; Debbie Spaugh; Jim Thompson; TJ Wilmore; Michelle Tarantino; Amaryllis Boger; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Fred Burton; Megan Mathews; Matthew Sweatt; Norma Cooler; family of Dora Cutler.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES: September 20, 2020 – September 26, 2020**

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 am	Worship - Live Stream
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Sunday School via Zoom

**BIRTHDAYS:** 20 Lois Rao 22 Jane Mahaffey 23 Marsha Roberts 26 Andy Harper

**OUR GIVING REPORT**

	<u>09/13/20</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,934.00	\$ 145,558.00
Amount Received	<u>4,850.00</u>	<u>139,158.05</u>
	\$ <u>916.00</u>	\$ <u>(6,399.95)</u>

*Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** is a congregation dedicated to **Living God's Word** and **Sharing God's Love**. With a variety of opportunities for Christian education, worship, spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and outreach ministry, we hope you will find your church home here. Experience the community of faith at FPC. **Our hearts, our minds and our doors are open.**

We are centered in the worship of God and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. As Christ's disciples we strive to build vibrant lives, strong families and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the well-being of our city, state and world. By the power of the Holy Spirit we seek to develop a vital preaching and teaching ministry, aimed at drawing men and women to Christ; healing, comforting and nurturing each in the faith; equipping each with the knowledge for service to Christ and effectively obtaining peace in all walks of life.

*O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!* Psalm 98:1-8

Music proclaims that we love God and find joy in all the ways God shows love for us.

The music ministry conveys the word of God to others through music. Through music we experience the joy of fellowship and with music we add a meaningful addition to God and his church.

**VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, **September 27th** to elect one member of the congregation to the Nominating Committee. Many churches are using electronic means to have congregational meetings during this time of pandemic.

Details about how the voting works will be shared in next week's bulletin.

**Even online or on the phone, we are still the Church!**

**A NOTE FROM EDGAR.** I enjoy having social-distanced 'front porch visits' with church members. I have also visited in backyards, carports and driveways with folks. All visits are socially-distant, but still enable time for fellowship and prayer. If you would like such a visit, please contact me and I would be glad to come visit.

**DIMES FOR HUNGER.** You may contribute your gifts at any time for this annual offering, which will be dedicated in **October** during worship. **100%** of your offering fights hunger locally and abroad. *Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* 2 Corinthians 9: 7

**THANK YOU.** Your generosity totaling **\$980** to **HOPE in LANCASTER** is greatly appreciated.

**FAITHFUL GIVING.** Our stewardship is an expression of gratitude for God's many blessings and a response in faithfulness to His love. Please continue to be faithful in your contributions toward God's work in and through FPC by mailing your tithes and offerings to PO Box 990 or by dropping them by the church office. Thank you, *Phil Neely*, Treasurer