

Service for the Lord's Day

September 14, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. Dan Forrest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

The Gathering of God's People

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

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Psalm 119

L: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

P: Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

L: Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

P: Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

L: Let your compassion come to me, that I may live.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN #741

“Guide My Feet”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord

**when we are struggling with life,
searching for answers in vain,
relying on our own strength
and failing again.**

Remind us, Lord

**that you are the strength
upon whom we can call,
the power to endure,
the answer that we seek,
the one in whose arms
we can safely fall.**

Forgive us, Lord

when we forget.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord, in your mercy.

P: Hear our prayer.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #436

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

verse 1

*God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unfailing.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“Run, Bartimaeus, Run”

Martin/Raney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Invention in E Major”

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6: 6-11

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 16: 24-26

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Living the Good Life: Follow Me?”

Rev. Brian K. Rummage

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 25:4-10

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

**Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

**Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Being Sent into the World

SONG OF PRAISE “Will You Come And Follow Me If I But Call Your Name”

Maule/Bell/Psalm 150

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We welcome you to worship this morning. If you are visiting with us, we hope you find our congregation to be a place of welcome and spiritual nurture. Please take a Visitor Gift Bag with a devotional book and other gifts and information about FPC, as our way of thanking you for worshipping with us. Visitor Gift Bags can be found just outside the center Sanctuary door in the Narthex or in the Hospitality Center.

Children’s Worship and Nursery Ministries: Our infant nursery is located in room #114 on our Children’s Ministry hallway immediately behind the sanctuary. If you are unfamiliar with our facilities, an usher will happily guide you.

Worship is the heart of church life and it is important that our children feel welcomed and are strengthened for their own walk of faith. At the appropriate time in the service, children are invited to come to the front of the church for our children’s message time with Pastor Brian. Afterwards children are dismissed to either return to sit with their parents or leave with our Children’s Ministry Director Carla Lovell.

For those who choose to participate in in our children’s worship experience, younger children (preschool-1st grade) stay with Ms. Carla in Room 110. Older elementary age children (2nd-4th grade) will go to room 103. Our teachers will use this time to explore the different aspects of worship in a fun and engaging way.

Again, children are always welcome to stay for the entire “big church” service. As they grow and mature, we encourage them to be part of the full worshipping community.

In consideration of others, please silence or turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices.

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