

# NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 7, 2022



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please join in  
reading aloud  
those parts of the  
service printed  
in **bold**.*

*The congregation  
is invited to  
reflect silently  
during the Music  
for Preparation  
as a time of  
prayer and  
meditation.*

*When this  
symbol (\*)  
precedes an  
element of the  
service, please  
rise in body or  
spirit.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us prepare our hearts to worship God.

## MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Prelude on *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Raymond H. Haan (b. 1938)

*Text and tune found at Hymn No. 821*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Into the dry and desolate places of our lives,  
God brings salvation.

**The desert rejoices and blossoms,  
the wilderness teems with life.**

Sorrow and sighing will flee.

**Let us come into God's presence with singing!**

Come, let us worship God.

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

COPELAND

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful 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 loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### \*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison)

adapted by Richard Proulx



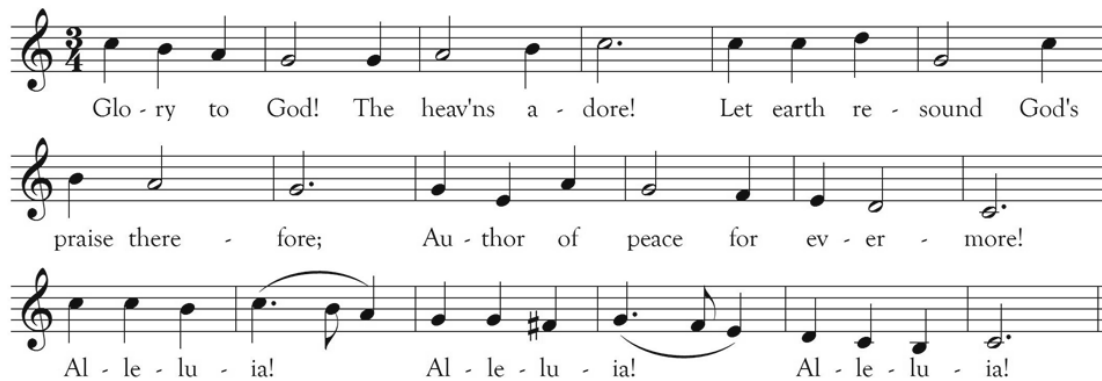
## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

*The astoundingly good news of our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ frees our tongues to sing mighty praise to God.*



Text: Michael Morgan

## \*PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*We exchange reconciling words and gestures among the people of God.*

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 40:1-11

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 816-817*

*Pew Bible, pages 667-668*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We listen for what God is saying to God's people through scripture, song, and sermon.*

### ANTHEM

Blest Are They Whose Spirits Long

G. F. Handel, arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Summer Choir*

Blest are they whose spirits long; whose trust is in the Lord;

and on whose lips is praise unending.

They shall mount up like eagles, lofty on high.

They, too, shall walk and not be weary.

*-Psalm 63 and Isaiah 40*

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 12:13-21

*Large Print Pew Bible, pages 90-91*

*Pew Bible, page 74*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON:** "Let's Be Honest With Each Other: Things We Say We Aren't Sure We Mean"

— The grass is always greener

Dr. Stewart Rawson

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE – NO. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*Our response to  
hearing God's  
Word includes  
singing and saying  
what we believe.*

## \*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.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

**Lord's Supper**  
During his  
ministry, Jesus  
shared meals as a  
sign of community  
and acceptance. As  
we gather for  
communion, know  
that you are  
welcome in this  
community and  
accepted at Christ's  
table.

A gluten-free  
station is available  
at the right side of  
the pulpit, nearest  
the side aisle.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD  
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Andrews Elementary School

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

John Ferguson (b. 1941)

*Summer Choir*

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,  
so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.  
With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude  
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.  
Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?  
The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:  
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

*-Omer Westendorf, 1976*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*God blesses and  
sends us in  
mission to the  
world.*

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN – NO. 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

#### VOLUNTARY

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Samson)

George Frideric Handel

*Stewart Rawson, D. Min., Transitional Pastor*

*Carrie Tuttle, M. Div., Parish Associate for Pastoral Care*

*J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster*

*Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Christian Formation and Education*

***Summer Worship at FPC*** continues through



Sunday, September 4 worship will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. This worship service will take place in person and will also be live-streamed.

All in-person worshippers are invited to Lemonade Fellowship following worship during this season.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. Please take a moment to sign our friendship register when it is passed to you. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by way of the friendship register, or by speaking to one of our ministers. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to pick up a copy today in the narthex and then contact the church office to be added to the weekly email list.

**COVER ART:** *In the Wilderness Prepare the Way*, Jan Richardson.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bradberry and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Foster by Barry and Martha Bradberry.

**LIVE TELEPHONE WORSHIP:** To listen to the worship service, simply call 888-969-5508 each Sunday. You will also be given an option of receiving a weekly call prior to each worship service. Please help us and pass this information along to any church member or community member who would benefit from this opportunity.

**LIVE VIDEO STREAMING SERVICE:** **Boxcast** will stream to our website and Facebook page each Sunday morning. Click here to view: [on our website](#) and on [the FPC Facebook page](#).

**PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION:** If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may call the minister on call: 8/5-8/7 Carrie Tuttle (336-708-0451)

**WORSHIP SERVICE CDs AVAILABLE EACH WEEK:** Each Sunday, the Scripture readings, anthem, and sermon will be recorded on CD and a limited number of copies will be available immediately after worship in the narthex. Additional copies can be requested by calling the church office. This same recording will be posted on the website.

**FEED THE HUNGRY FOOD COLLECTION:** Feeding the Hungry - Remember to grab a non-perishable food item every time you are at the store and bring it to First Presbyterian Church for the food pantry. A collection box is conveniently located outside the CDC entrance (Black and White Hallway entrance) for you to drop off your donations anytime during the week or on Sunday morning.

**YOUTH SLIDESHOW:** Our youth slideshow is back again! We will showcase pictures and videos from all of our youth activities this past year, celebrating the memories we've made and looking forward to the year to come! All are welcome for the evening and we highly encourage youth and parents to check out all of the exciting things happening with FPC Youth Ministries! The slideshow begins at 6:00 p.m. in Shive Hall on Sunday, August 21 and will conclude with a look at our plans for the 2022/2023 school year. Hope to see you there!

**BLESSING OF BACKPACKS** will be Sunday, August 28 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is an opportunity for all children to be surrounded by the love of their church family through prayer, high-fives, smiles, and a little gift. After blessing the backpacks, Charlotte will take the children "FISHIN'!" Curious? Come to find out more!

**FESTIVAL DAY IS AUGUST 28!** This is a day of welcome and a kick-off to our new year. Dress comfortable, yes even casual, today because we will have fellowship lunch, live music by Willy Fisher, and activities for all ages (including bringing back the bouncy houses!) on the front lawn after worship. Bring your chair or blanket to sit in/on during lunch. A few tables and chairs will be provided. Worship at 10:00 a.m. and lunch at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to the church office for lunch (336-228-1703 or [reception@fpcburlington.org](mailto:reception@fpcburlington.org)). Vegetarian option available. Lunch is free and donations are appreciated.

**SUMMER CHOIR**, an annual tradition here at FPC, is a wonderful opportunity for folks who enjoy singing to share their talents with the congregation. Summer Choir meets each Sunday morning in August at 9:15 to rehearse the music for the day. Come sing when you are in town! If you would like to lend your voice or simply learn more about Summer Choir, please contact Patrick Murphy (228-1703, x.218).

### **ANDREWS ELEMENTARY NEEDS SCHOOL SUPPLIES—LOCAL MISSION FOR AUGUST**

Back to school sales have started! When you are out shopping, please pick up a few items for the teachers and students at Andrews Elementary. This year we are collecting Glue Sticks, pencil boxes, Kleenex, Hand soap (not sanitizer), spiral notebooks, Subject Composition notebooks and Book bags for primary children. There is a collection box by the CDC entrance. Let's get this school year started off great!

## CONTEMPLATIVE MINISTRY – QUIET SPACES MEDITATIONS

Look for Quiet Spaces Meditations to appear in your inbox (if you receive the weekly eblast) and on the FPC Facebook page. Take time in your busy schedule to spend some moments of quiet in contemplation of God's plan for us as a church family. Let the beauty of God's creation, the strength of God's word to us and the power of prayer help to center your day. In the stillness, may you find the presence of God in the world around you and within yourself.

### **“Let's Be Honest With Each Other: Things We Say We Aren't Sure We Mean”**

The last two years have taken a toll. Even though we are back to gathering together, some of us still may be nervous about being in large groups. We are anxious about the economy. Some of us are just plain weary. As a church we are in a transition, and for some this may be a source of anxiety. When we face challenges or others close to us face challenges, we often want to say something to make it better. Sometimes we rely on phrases we have heard before. In our sermon series this summer we want to go deeper to explore why we say what we say and maybe as we journey together we will find a word of grace and comfort for the days that lie ahead. God is good, all the time. We hope you will join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**August 14—These are the best times of your life: I Corinthians 13:8-13 — Rev. Taylor Barner**

**August 21—I came as soon as I heard: Isaiah 43:1-7 — Dr. Stewart Rawson**

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, August 7**

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Summer Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service — Sanctuary      |
| 11:00 a.m. | Lemonade on the Lawn             |

### **Monday, August 8**

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| 2:00 p.m. | Furniture Ministry Team Meets via Zoom |
| 5:00 p.m. | Foundation Board Meeting — Room 203    |

### **Tuesday, August 9**

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| 10:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting — Room 203 |
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### **Wednesday, August 10**

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| 7:45 a.m. | Meditation Group Meets |
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### **Thursday, August 11**

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| 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry — Room 201 |
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