

“The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,” writes Paul, “but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18, NRSV).

This is why we’re here! Welcome to worship!

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPClive>

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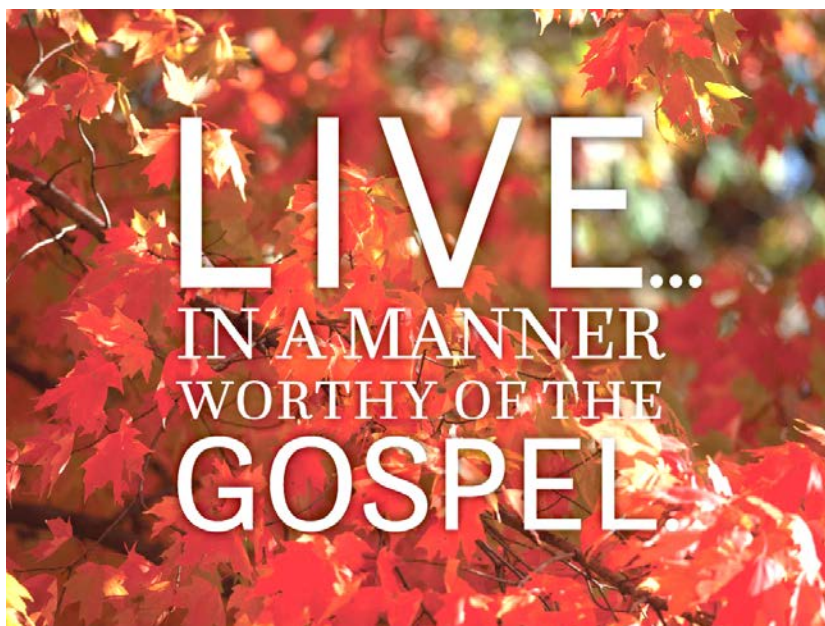
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**NOTE: Sheet music for hymns can be found at the end of this document.**



***Order of Worship***  
***September 20, 2020***

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**10:00 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship. Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE**

PRELUDE

*"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"  
(Duke Street)*

JOHN HATTON  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what the Lord has done.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #629

*"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"*

ST. AGNES  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

*(The Handbell Choir will play the hymn. You are invited to follow along in the hymnal and reflect on the words. May this be a time of prayer for you!)*

## LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: God beckons to us: draw close. Be present. Let us be fully present in worship, confessing before God and each other all that we are, all that God calls us to be, and forgiving each other for the ways we've fallen short, first in silence and then together.

**People: Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God.**

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayers.**

*A moment of silence for personal confession*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

### \*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581

GLORIA PATRI

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.

## THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 105:1-6

- <sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.  
<sup>2</sup>Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.  
<sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
<sup>4</sup>Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.  
<sup>5</sup>Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
<sup>6</sup>O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-35

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.  
<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

#### SERMON

*"Worthy of the Gospel"*

REV. REBECCA MALLOZZI

#### ANTHEM

Handbell Choir

*"A Joyful Noise"*

DOUGLAS WAGNER  
CCLI 1695793

#### SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

#### INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please use "debts & debtors".)*

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL – PG. 35

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

*"The Lord Almighty Reigns"*  
(*St. Bride*)

SAMUEL HOWARD  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"Come Down, O Love Divine"*  
(*Down Ampney*)

Ralph Vaughn Williams  
PUBLIC DOMAIN

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# Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee  
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,  
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet-ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy  
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

# ***Faith Life***

## ***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020***

### **SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP**

Please join us on Zoom for Fellowship on Sunday Mornings following Worship. The link for Sunday Morning Fellowship can be found in the Thursday email blast. If you would like to be added to the list to receive these emails, please contact the office.



In a spirit of love and caution, we are limiting our indoor gatherings to a max of 25 people. Though most are continuing to worship virtually, please keep in mind that we will seat on a first-come, first-served basis until further notice."

### **MORE OUTDOOR WORSHIP!**

**By popular demand!** Weather permitting, we will worship outside again by the gathering space on the following dates\*

- September 27
  - October 4
  - October 18
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

As before, please bring your own chairs. In the event of inclement weather, an email alert and website homepage notice will indicate a change to indoor worship.

\* Sundays not listed above have prescheduled music or special events not logistically feasible for outdoor worship.

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!**

Beginning in September, we will return to having Worship Assistants. Please consider volunteering via Signup Genius on the church website under 'Volunteer Opportunities. You may participate in person, or via video recording. *And all God's people said, "Thanks, y'all!"*

### **FEAR AND FAITH**

Join us in September and October for an online Bible study! We will be using Trillia Newbell's book, *Fear and Faith: Finding the Peace Your Heart Craves*. Buying the book is encouraged, but optional.

September 24: When Your Fears Come True

October 1: Fear of the Lord

All Zoom conversations will be at 7:00 PM. Handouts will be emailed ahead of time. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Beck!

Register for the class at <https://bit.ly/FPCFaithandFear> Register

The Zoom link will be emailed to you.

### **READING GROUP**

Michael Davis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Topic: Reading Group  
Time: Nov 11, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
The link for this meeting can be found in the Thursday email blast.

### **WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL STUDY GROUP**

We invite you to join with a small group of other women to socialize, study, and pray

Thursday mornings from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m., **beginning Sept. 17, 2020.** (Our study begins around 10 a.m. with socializing first.)

We will meet via Zoom this fall.

Fall Study Book  
***12 "Christian" Beliefs That Can Drive You Crazy;  
Relief from False Assumptions***  
*By Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend*

### **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

#### **PEACE AT ALL TIMES IN ALL WAY**

The **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, previously called the **Peacemaking Offering**, has been received on **World Communion Sunday** by **Faith Presbyterian Church** since they signed their **Commitment to Peacemaking** in 1983.

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world.

Since **1940, World Communion Sunday** is an ecumenical celebration of our oneness in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing churches together in Christian unity.

Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to **25%** of the **Peace & Global Witness Offering** to sustain their local peacemaking ministries. We will be giving our **25% to East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors**. Their mission is to serve families within the East Penn School District through multi-faceted short-term assistance in order to help restore and sustain healthy, independent living.

In **2019**, Faith Presbyterian Church received **\$2189.00**, with **\$547.25** going towards support of **East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors**.

On **October 4, World Communion Sunday**, please prayerfully consider contributing to this worthy program.

## TWO WEEKS OF FAITH

This calendar is prepared a few days prior to distribution. Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, September 20

10:00 AM— Worship Service  
5:00 PM— Youth Group (Outside)

#### Monday, September 21

Noon— Meditation (Facebook Live)  
7:00 pm— Mission Committee (Z)

#### Tuesday, September 22

7:30 pm— Fellowship Committee (Z)

Pastor's Study Leave  
Church Office Closed

#### Wednesday, September 23

6:00 PM— Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Church Office Closed

#### Thursday, September 24

9:45 AM— Women's Spiritual Study Group (Z)  
7:00 PM— Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:00 PM— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### Friday, September 25

Noon— Outside Use (P)

Church Office Closed

#### Saturday, September 26

### NEXT WEEK

#### Sunday, September 27

10:00 AM— Worship Service  
5:00 PM— Youth Group (Outside)

#### Monday, September 28

Noon— Meditation (Facebook Live)  
7:30 pm— Celebration Committee (Z)

#### Tuesday, September 29

Pastor's Study Leave  
Church Office Closed

#### Wednesday, September 30

6:00 PM— Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

Church Office Closed

#### Thursday, October 1

9:45 AM— Women's Spiritual Study Group (Z)  
7:00 PM— Bible Study (Zoom)  
7:00 PM— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### Friday, October 2

Church Office Closed

#### Saturday, October 3

10:00 AM— Crazy Quilters (FH)

## COLLEGE STUDENT GOODIE BOXES

Starting in October, the deacons will be collecting items to send "goodie boxes" to our Faith college students. Please look for the collection boxes in Fellowship Hall. Examples of items: protein, granola, or breakfast bars, pretzels, cracker packs, hot cocoa mix, gum, cookie packs, tea. (The last day will be Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.)

We will be mailing the goodie boxes in time for their fall semester final exams. Our hope is that their arrival will bring a smile to each young person's face, help reduce their stress level during this important time in their college careers, and know that Faith Church is thinking of them and wishing them well.

**If you have a current college student in your family, or are one,** please make sure your deacon or Lynda (our office administrator) has a current college address or the correct home address if you are attending college virtually.

Thank you. Any questions, see Elaine Smits or Donna Call.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will return to *new normal* hours beginning September 14. Those hours are **Mondays and Thursdays only from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** If office work has been completed, she may leave early.

For now, Lynda will continue to work from her home on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Keep the following in mind, if you need her to provide you with reports or materials that can be found only on the church computer, you need to contact her on Tuesdays until September 14, and then on Mondays.



9/25 Travis Haley, Betty Winters

9/26 Joe Payea

## LOOKING AHEAD...

\*No Sunday School

Oct. 4 ..... Peace & Global Witness Offering  
Oct. 11 ..... Scrip Orders Due  
Oct. 12 ..... Columbus Day: Church Office closed  
Oct. 25 ..... Stewardship Sunday  
Nov. 1 ..... Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Nov. 3 ..... Election Day  
Nov. 8 ..... Pastor's Vacation  
Nov. 15 ..... Winter Flyer Deadline  
Nov. 17 ..... Presbytery Meeting @ FPC  
Nov. 22 ..... ADVENT[ure]  
Nov. 26 ..... Thanksgiving: Church Office closed  
Dec. 24 ..... Christmas Eve  
Dec. 25 ..... Christmas