



Service For The Lord's Day

November 17, 2024 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Beside Porter's Creek"

Aaronson

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Dear God, empower me to encourage others for the glory of Your name as I go throughout my day. In Jesus' name, I ask it. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

People: Our strength is exalted in God.

Leader: Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

People: God has given us the victory.

Leader: There is no Holy One like the Lord;

People: There is no Rock like our God.

Praise the Lord!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Lay Reader)*

*OPENING HYMN

"Fight the Good Fight"

No. 846

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Lay Reader)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

O God, Who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty and fail to appreciate the gifts You have given. Our arrogance has led us away from Your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***KYRIE**

No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader)*

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 579

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(Lay Reader)*

FIRST READING *(Pastor)*

1 Samuel 1:4-20 and 2:1-10

SECOND READING *(Lay Reader)*

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

GOSPEL *(Pastor)*

Mark 13:1-8

ANTHEM

“Every Valley”

John Ness Beck

SERMON

“Now That's What It Means to be a Church” Rev. Kelly Lindsay

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

excerpt from the Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome Visitors!



The Nursery is available for infants to 4-year-olds.
FPC Vision: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education, and service.
FPC's Web Page: <http://www.fpcwarren.org>
Email address: info@fpcwarren.org
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Warren
Hearing Devices to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are dedicated to the **Glory of God** and in honor of Susan and Marty Nadenichek's 50th wedding anniversary.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **bar soap, brownie or cake mix, and tuna** for the month of **November**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Nancy Hochadel**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs \$125.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

PRE-ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: This year's study is based on *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Matt Rawle. Each week, we meet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and study to follow. The final study, *The Hope of Christmas Future*, will be **Friday, November 22**; dinner will be a taco bar. The sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. Join us!

THE LOVE TREE is once again filled with the needs of Willard School children grades 3-5. Please choose one or more tags from our tree and return the gifts in the clear bag provided by **Sunday, December 15**.

50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION: Join us by radio, Facebook, or in our Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 24, 2024**, as we take time to recognize those who have been members for 50 years or more. **Mark your calendars and join the celebration!**

THE SPIRE DEADLINE is **Wednesday, November 20**. Please email your articles and pictures to Kathie at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org. Thank you.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING: Today's AGG Spotlight is on **Second Harvest Food Bank**. In spite of mounting challenges, the Second Harvest Food Bank continues to distribute food to the needy in the tri-county area. Recent years have been particularly difficult: inflation continues; gas prices are unstable; the number of residents needing assistance, especially children and seniors, is always increasing. Due to these problems, Second Harvest has had to spend 200% more on food to fill its shelves. As you are enjoying your Thanksgiving feast, think of these numbers: Second Harvest distributed 10.5 million pounds of food, filled 16,000+ requests for food assistance per week, and provided eight million meals in their designated area. Of those served, 29% were children; 25% were senior citizens, and 28% were new visitors. Because of inflation, they can now only distribute up to five meals for every \$1 donated. FPC is the beneficiary of this mission. Our own Joann Rubrake, the liaison between the Church and Second Harvest, makes monthly visits to the distribution center to pick up goods for the grocery giveaway held during our community lunch program. The need is real!

Other participating organizations include Animal Welfare League, FPC Wish List – Sound System, Free Indeed Ministry, FreeThree, and Water for the People. Remember to make out your check to First Presbyterian Church (put AGG on the memo line) and to include your order blank with the name(s) of your designated charity(ies). You can drop your donation into the offering plate or mail it to the FPC office. Alternative Gift-Giving will continue through Dec. 16.

FPC FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION - Dinner will be **eat-in or carry-out**. The meal will be catered by the Saratoga Restaurant with a choice of Thanksgiving dinner, beef tips and noodles, or vegetarian. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children; children under 5 eat free. To make your reservation for the dinner on Sunday, **November 24, 2024**, please complete the form in the bulletin and return it to the Church Office, along with your prepaid amount, no later than **today**.



Online giving can be done with your phone using the QR code on the left or use the pew card.

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*Rev. Kelly Lindsay
Melanie A. Vlad
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Ray Rubrake
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl*

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Nov. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Love Tree - Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Bell Choir 11:15 am
Mon, Nov. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OA, P..... 10:00 am - Deacons' Meeting, FH..... 4:00 pm - Girl Scouts, B 5:30 pm - AA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Tues, Nov. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Al-Anon, FH 8:30 am - Free Community Lunch and Groceries, FH..... 10:30 am - Finance Meeting, P..... 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, FH 5:00 pm - NAMI Class, B..... 5:45 pm - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Wed, Nov. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPIRE Deadline - Crossroads Bereavement Grp, P 5:00 pm - Relay for Life, B 6:00 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm - Session Meeting, FH..... 7:00 pm
Thur, Nov. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayer Talk, FH 9:00 am - Dessert and Dialogue Grp., P..... 12:00 pm - Worship Meeting..... 7:00 pm
Fri, Nov. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church Office Closed - Advent Study, FH..... 6:00 pm
Sat, Nov. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AA, MC..... 11:00 am
Sun, Nov. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Founders' Day - Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Founders' Day Dinner 11:15 am

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom

