

**"I TELL YOU ...
UNLESS YOU
REPENT,
YOU TOO WILL
ALL PERISH."**

Luke 13:5, NIV



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

17th Sunday after Pentecost | Patriot Sunday

September 15, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Ryan Whitman, Trombone

Medley On Two Hymn Tunes From The Sacred Harp

Brant Adams

(Come Thou Fount and God Whose Giving)

Call to Worship

Mitch Hall

Leader: Let us listen and be clear in our minds; God's Spirit is calling to us now.

People: We have come to this time of remembrance and celebration, and we are filled with joy and hope and expectation.

Leader: May God's Spirit guide us in this time of worship and in the living of our lives in Jesus Christ.

People: Grant us strength and resolve in this time of worship, and give us a new sense of faith to do God's work and to work for justice and for all of creation.

All: Let there be peace on earth and may it begin anew in our hearts to the glory of God. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#336

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
the Lord was at our side- the glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.

Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we do live in the joy and wonder of Your love. However, we find it so easy to be in disagreement with each other. We take each other for granted. So often we are tempted to cut the ropes of love that bind us together. We tend to turn away from those with whom we have disagreements. Help us, Lord, here today in this time of remembrance and hope to start fresh and new, filled with Your holy and redeeming love. Help us to be Your peacemakers for the sake of Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

Glory Be to the Father

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.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Dedication of "Dress a Girl" Dresses

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Praise The Lord With Joyful Song - Early American Melody

Arr. H H Hopson

Praise the Lord with joyful song, hail the Rock who saves us. Offer God our grateful hearts, shout our loud thanksgiving. Mighty is the Lord our God, King above all gods; Bless the Lord with joyful song; hail the rock who saves us. God made all the earth and sky, all creations splendor. Valleys green speak forth their praise; hills reflect his goodness. Oceans also tell of God, dry land he created. God made all the earth and sky, all creations splendor. Come and worship, kneel before the Lord; bless his name. He is gracious, loving, kind and true, bless his name. He is Lord of all, we are his own flock. Come and worship, kneel before the Lord; bless his name.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson (*Carli Weston*)

2 Peter 3:3–9 (NRSV)

First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!” ⁵ They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, ⁶ through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the godless. ⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Psalm 46

#329

God is Our Refuge and Our Strength

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,
and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;

Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,
yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice.
But nations fear and kingdoms shake before God's thundering voice.

Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand,
secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 13:1–9 (NRSV)

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way, they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse

offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

A Word to the Wise!

✠ We Respond to God’s Word ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

A Modern Affirmation

L: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church,
apostolic and universal, whose holy faith lets us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and
love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever
directed to his children’s good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son**

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of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer With Response

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord!"

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Clean Start

† **Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#307

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour your power;
crown Your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail His ways.

From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to Your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving You whom we adore, serving You whom we adore.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Cornet Voluntary

Starling Goodwin

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Larry Wilson*

Liturgist: *Mitch Hall*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 83

General Offering: \$1,625.00

Backpack Ministry: \$20.00

CAReS: \$50.00

Organ Repair Fund: \$20.00

Online Offering: \$625.00

Total Offering: \$2,340.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

• **Sunday, September 15**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Summer & Nick's Wedding Shower, 12:15 p.m.

• **Monday, September 16**

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

• **Tuesday, September 17**

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, September 18**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

• **Thursday, September 19**

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.

Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

The Significance of Patriot Day



Three months after the 2001 terrorist attacks, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 as Patriot Day. Every year, we pause to

remember the lives lost and changed on that autumn morning. These remembrances include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence and flying the U.S. flag at half-staff.

Parent's Night Out

Parents, this night is for you. Parent's Night Out is **Friday, September 27 from 5:30—8 p.m.** Come, drop off the kids here at Church and then go shopping, out to eat or just go home and rest! There will be crafts, snacks and a whole lot of fun. Questions, see Lee McCloud (606.331.1017).

Happy Birthday Max!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 29** as we celebrate the birthday of our own Max Jackson. There will be a reception immediately following Morning Worship in the Narthex. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

During the month of September, we are collecting *wash cloths, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, fun band-aids, and nail files.*

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOX.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending September 12, 2024

Peyton Black (JT Norris)
Bill Barney (Lois Jackson's brother)
Breck Tarr (JT Norris)

Week ending September 5, 2024

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)
Michelle Brown (online request)
Nancy (Rick) Grace (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Lorelai Shay (Heather Shay's daughter)

Week ending August 29, 2024

Brandon's family and friends (Lee McCloud)
Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour, Carolyn Graber

Woodland Oaks: Bob Miller

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kuwait); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)



thank
you
GOD

I want to sincerely thank each one of you for your prayers of healing. For the third time in my life our Lord has cured my body of cancer. I am honored to serve Him here at FPC.

With sincere appreciation, Jane Justice



SAVED BY GRACE

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.

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SERMON NOTES

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Notes

KEY SCRIPTURES



Today's Prayer

PRAY MORE
worry less

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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