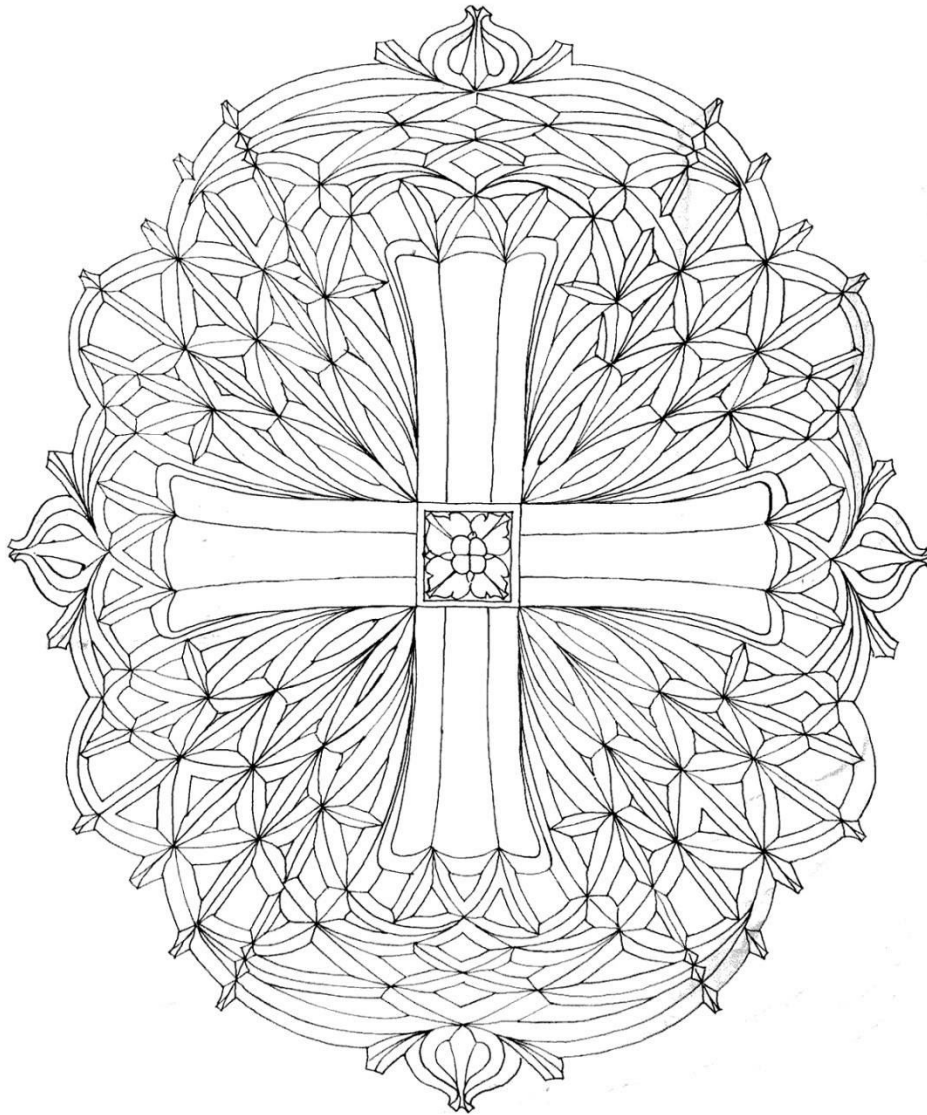


# First Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



FIRST  
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*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends  
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

## We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*"Calming Peace - A Prayer for Kristen"*

Cathy Moglebust

FPC Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

The Lord is King, let the people tremble! The Lord is enthroned in Zion, let the earth quake!

**The Lord our God is exalted over all the earth, the Lord alone is worthy of praise!**

Sing praises to the Lord our God! Sing glad praises to our God and King!

Hymn

["The God of Abraham Praise"](#)

No. 49

Prayer of Confession

Judy Pidcock

**We confess, O God, that we are shaped more by cultural expectations and peer approval and our own appetites than by our devotion to you. We confess that we have segmented our lives, giving you a bit of our attention on Sunday, and then living without much regard for you as the week unfolds. We know you want more from us than this. We know you want an enduring devotion, a life formed and transformed by our encounters with you, a life of ongoing and ceaseless worship, fueled and directed by our allegiance to Jesus Christ. Stir that sort of devotion in us, O God, that our lives might be an offering of praise, as we move through the world bearing witness to your good news. Hear now our particular confessions, offered in silence...**

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

**With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love**

**God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

## We Celebrate our Life Together

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Laurie Taylor Weicher

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession 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.**

## We Listen to God's Word

A Moment for Children

Andy Eaton

Scripture Readings

Amos 5:18-24; James 1:22-27

Sermon

"Worshiping Past Noon"

Ed McLeod

## We Respond to God's Word

Hymn

["Spirit, Open My Heart"](#)

No. 692

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 at 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.**

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*"Variations on an Olde Irish Aire"*

Catherine McMichael

FPC Handbell Choir

Prayer of Dedication

## We Bear God's Word into the World

Hymn

["Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"](#)

No. 755

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response

**Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.**

Postlude

*"Presto" from Concerto in G*

Johann Ernst/J. S. Bach

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The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
and are given in honor of the church staff, by Jim and Patty Holloway.