

October 22, 2023; 9:00 am
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather Together

Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on ZOOM or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew.

Prelude: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

arr. Dale Wood

Welcome & Announcements

Rowan W.

Coats for Kids

Mike Petersen, Serving Team

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Rowan W.

Celebrate God’s love, which has been poured into your life!

Forgiveness, encouragement, support, and healing are gifts of God to us.

Reach out and care for those around you.

We will be people of peace and justice.

Shout for joy!

Sing God’s praises always! AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

God, you are our refuge.

When the world gets to be too much with us,

we turn to you for consolation and healing.

Help us today to hear your words of compassion.

Enable us to be those who would willingly

serve all people in need. For we ask these things

in the name of Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

***Sung Response: GTG 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Henry H., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

God has chosen us,
but we frequently fail to choose God's will for our lives.
Let us go before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of justice and truth,
you ask us to give to you the things that are yours.
If we are honest, we know we hold so much back.
We have promised you our obedience,
but we often fulfill our own desires first.
We have promised you our worship,
but we give our attention to idols instead.
We have promised to do your work in the world,
but we put it last on the list of priorities.
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Increase our generosity that we might give freely,
grateful for all of the gifts you have given us.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

The good news remains true:
God has chosen us, forgives us,
and walks beside us,
helping us become imitators of Christ.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response:** PH 577 “Glory Be to the Father”

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-13 (page 1 in the pew Bible)

Second Lesson: Psalm 23 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “The Beauty of Green Pastures and Still Waters”

Chaplain Darren Beachy

Sung response: GTG 518 Your Only Son

We Respond to God’s Word

Offering: “Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. by Charles Callahan

***Offertory:** GTG 609 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(TUNE: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.**

***Sung response: GTG 438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" vs. 1-3**

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: Fantasy on the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" *by Piet Post*

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Please note: Donations for the Peace & Global Witness offering will be accepted until the end of October. Thank you for your support that literally reaches around the world.

Christmas Wreaths



Our Boy Scout Troop is selling wreaths for Christmas!
Beautify your home and support our Scouts!

The wreath orders are due by October 26. They will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving.

Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in buying one.

PRAYERS

Brian C.

Pat D.

Gib D.

Arnold L.

Jesse F.

Liam A.

Burt M.

Cathie (She is a friend of Mary B.)

Chastity G. and Joan S.

Jolene S. – Sister and her husband

Lynn K.

Jane D.

Ashley K.

Sue and Mark (They are friends of the Christie's.)

Presbyterian Nominating Committee (PNC)

All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.

Dan Baker

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please leave a voice mail message, on the office phone, (920.922.0425). We will direct your call to the appropriate person, the following day.



We are collecting gently used or new coats
for the children in our community.

Coats for boys and teenagers are especially needed.

THROUGH OCTOBER 26

First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

Monday October 30 2:00-6:00pm

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center
or you can register online [here](#).

October Deacon of the Month
Amber Summeril

October Elder of the Month
Dave Erickson

This Week at Church

- Sunday 10.22**
9:00-10:00am Worship – Chaplain Darren Beachy
10:15am Fellowship Time
10:20-11:15am Growing Connections
- Adults Domestic Violence Awareness - Room #1(Not available on Zoom.)
 - 8th-12th Grade Room 6
 - 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
 - Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8
- 6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Court of Honor
- Monday 10.23**
10:00-11:00am Staff Meeting
- Wednesday 10.25**
8:00-9:00am Men’s Breakfast
9:00-12:00pm Church Financial Review
4:30-5:30pm Bell Choir
- Thursday 10.26**
9:00-10:30am Finance Team
- Saturday 10.28**
9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis
- Sunday 10.29**
9:00-10:00am Worship – Chaplain Evan Stark
10:15 Fellowship Time
10:20-11:15am Growing Connections
- Adults Alternative Gift Fair – Parlor & Zoom
 - 8th-12th Grade Room 6
 - 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
 - Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8
- 6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Meeting

Looking Ahead

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| Worship | October 29 | Chaplain Evan Stark |
| Fondy Food Drive | October 29-November 12 | |
| Blood Drive | October 30 | Sign up at the Welcome Center or online. |
| Worship | November 5 | Chaplain Darren Beachy |

THE POWER OF GOD'S NAMES*

What Is God's Name?

God is too big to be fully understood. The word most often used in the Hebrew Bible for God's name is Yahweh. When we hear various biblical stories, we can think of a name for God that describes how God works as a healer, a shepherd, a peacemaker, and a liberator.

In thinking about how names for God are revealed in God's actions, we can see how we, too, can live like God, being a friend, a peacemaker, or a healer.

Think about names for God you've heard at church. What names for God are sung in the songs and hymns? What names are spoken in prayers and Scripture?

What name do you call God? You can let us know [here](#). Or you can complete the form in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate or in the church office. Your responses are going to be made into a beautiful banner!

*Image: <https://www.fbcpalmetto.com/calendar/classes/classes/the-power-of-gods-names.html>

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Please put your response in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.