

**October 29, 2023; 9:00 am**  
25<sup>th</sup> 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: “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”**      *arr. Michael Praetorius*

**Welcome & Announcements**      *Pedro Arellano*

**Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship**      *Pedro Arellano*

God is our refuge and strength:

**we will not fear.**

Though the earth shakes,

**we will not fear.**

Though the waters swirl around us,

**we will not fear.**

Though the nations rise and fight,

**we will not fear.**

God is our help in the time of trouble:

**we will not fear.**

**\* Opening Prayer**

As we worship you,

**open the eyes of our mind**

**to learning and understanding;**

**open the eyes of our heart,**

**to love and compassion;**

**open the eyes of our soul,**

**to see our spiritual selves**

**during our time of worship.**

**Amen.**

**\*Sung Response: GTG 275 “A Mighty Fortress is our God”**

*Carol Wetzel, Cantor*

**\*Call to Confession**

God watches over the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

We have righteousness within us,  
**but we also have wickedness.**

Therefore, let us confess.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of the ages,

**you have been faithful to us,  
but we have not been faithful to you.**

**You have established covenants with us,  
but we have not upheld our part.**

**We have distorted your word for our own gain.**

**We have claimed you as exclusively ours.**

**We have focused on power more than discipleship.**

**We beg your forgiveness.**

**Reform us again and make us into the image  
of your true church.**

*Silent Confession*

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

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

I will forgive their iniquity,  
and remember their sin no more, says the Lord.

**The story continues. God is not done with us.**

**We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**\*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:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (page 106 in the pew Bible)

**Second Lesson:** Matthew 22:34-46 (page 25 in the pew Bible)

**Children’s Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**Sermon:** “Reading Glasses”

*Chaplain Evan Stark*

**Sung response:** “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

### **We Respond to God’s Word**

**Minute for Mission “Give Thanks”**

*Cheryl Clarenbach, Worship Team*

**Offering:** “Love One Another”

*Carol Wetzel, Nancy Pitzen duet*

**\*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 37 "Let All Things Now Living"**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude: "The Ash Grove"**

*arr. by Charles W. Ore*

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November Deacon of the Month  
Judy Dassow

November Elder of the Month  
Mike Warntjes

### **This Week at Church**

**Sunday 10.29**  
9:00-10:00am Worship – Chaplain Evan Stark  
10:15 Fellowship Time  
10:20-11:15am Growing Connections (Parlor/Zoom)  
• Adults Alternative Gift Fair  
• 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 6  
• 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 3  
• Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Room 8

6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Meeting

**Monday 10.30**  
10:00-11:00am Staff Meeting  
**2:00-6:00pm Blood Drive**

**Wednesday 11.01**  
8:00-9:00am Men’s Breakfast  
1:00-2:30PM Personnel Team

**Thursday 11.02**  
1:00-2:00pm Serving Team

**Saturday 11.04**  
9:00-12:00pm Table Tennis

**Sunday 11.05**  
9:00-10:00am Worship – Chaplain Darren Beachy  
10:15am Fellowship Time  
10:20-11:15am Growing Connections (In person only)  
• Adults The Great Courses (Parlor)  
• 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 6  
• 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 3  
• Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Room 8  
6:00-7:30pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting

### **Looking Ahead**

Worship	November 12	Worship Team (Leading Worship)
Fondy Food Drive Ends	November 12	
Worship	November 19	Chaplain Darren Beachy
Thanksgiving	November 23	

## PRAYERS

Brian C.	Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
Pat D.	Lynn K.
Gib D.	Jane D.
Arnold L.	Ashley K.
Jesse F.	Sue and Mark (They are friends of the Christie's.)
Liam A.	Presbyterian Nominating Committee (PNC)
Burt M.	All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.
Cathie (She is a friend of Mary B.)	Dan Baker – Recovering from surgery.
Chastity G. and Joan S.	Linda B. – Friend of Joanne M.
Marie L.	

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.

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Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

### Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
October 22,2023	<b>88 IN THE SEATS</b>	\$651.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
10/16--20/2023		\$2,566.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		<b>\$3,217.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
10/22/2023	<b>2 Households</b>		2-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 10/22/2023

## 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](#).