

October 27, 2024; 9:00 am
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.

Prelude: "Ein Feste Burg"

arr. by Michael Praetorius

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Kay M.

With our lips and with our hearts:
we will bless God in every moment of our lives.

With our ears and with our hearts:
**we will hear the cries of our sisters and brothers,
in every painful moment, in every broken place.**

With every gift and with our hearts:
**we will serve God and all of God's children,
with every moment of our lives.**

*** Opening Prayer**

God, our Healer, give us the courage of blind Bartimaeus, to cry out to you when we are in need; give us the wisdom of Job, to know when we have overreached and our cause is lost; give us the confidence of the psalmist, to sing your praises and magnify your name. Grant us the wisdom, O God, to seek from you what is of real value – what will truly make us well, what will truly make us whole, what will truly give us bliss. Amen.

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

Linda D., Jonathan P., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Kay M.

Since Christ intercedes for us, he is able to save everyone who approaches God through him. Let us draw near to God through Christ, confessing our sins, so that we may walk blameless in God’s sight.

***Prayer of Confession**

Kay M.

Gracious God, **we think that we want to be healed of our blindness, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than risk facing the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others.**

Silent Confession

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

Lord, hear our prayers. **Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. AMEN.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. Hear then the good news that in and through Jesus Christ 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: GTG 582** "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shine on Me"

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 126 (Common English Bible)

(page 572 in the pew Bible, page 767 Common English Bible)

When the LORD changed Zion's circumstances for the better,
it was like we had been dreaming.

**Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter;
our tongues were filled with joyful shouts.**

It was even said, at that time, among the nations,

"The LORD has done great things for them!"

Yes, the LORD has done great things for us,
and we are overjoyed.

**LORD, change our circumstances for the better,
like dry streams in the desert waste!**

Let those who plant with tears
reap the harvest with joyful shouts.

**Let those who go out,
crying and carrying their seed,
come home with joyful shouts,
carrying bales of grain!**

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:46-52 (Common English Bible)

(page 47 in the pew Bible, page 1231 Common English Bible)

Jesus and his followers came into Jericho. As Jesus was leaving Jericho, together with his disciples and a sizable crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, Timaeus' son, was sitting beside the road. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was there, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!" ⁴⁸ Many scolded him, telling him to be quiet, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, show me mercy!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him forward."

They called the blind man, "Be encouraged! Get up! He's calling you."

Throwing his coat to the side, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man said, "Teacher, I want to see."

Jesus said, "Go, your faith has healed you." At once he was able to see, and he began to follow Jesus on the way.

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

***Hymn: GTG 451 "Open My Eyes, that I May See"**

Sermon: "Be Like Bart"

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Receiving New Members

Richard and Trista B
Evan and Jessica S

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word "catholic" means "relating to the church universal"*

Prayers of the People

Arnold L.	Elias B* (Laurie C grandson)	Pass Family
Bob & Ollive B.	Gib D.	Pat D.
Brian C.	Jesse F.	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Joan K. (Marcus A. Mom)	Paul W.
Corinne C.	Kathy A* (sister/sil Kevin/Kim B)	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Dan B.	Liam A.	Sally S.
Dan K*	Lynn M.	Sherry M.
Danielle B.	Marie L.	Vern A.* (Debra S dad)
Dick and Maryann*	Mike S.*	

The names in bold are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer.

If you or someone you know wants added to our prayer list, contact a Deacon or the church staff. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

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.**

We Respond to God's Word

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: "Ode to Joy"

*arr. by Kristina Arellano
pianists: Kristina A. Cyndi N. Anne F.*

***Offertory: GTG 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" v. 1 & 4**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: GTG 852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"**

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "I'll Fly Away"

arr. by Fred Bock

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR October 20, 2024

Individuals in Person: 108

Zoom Households: 3

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
10/20/2024	\$8863.00	Tithes/Offerings
	.00	"Peace & Global Witness"
10/14--18	\$2691.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	.00	Vanco Online "Peace & Global Witness"
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	\$11,554.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org Giving page. (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

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November

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This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

11:30-12:30pm

11:30-2:00pm

3:00-4:30pm

October 27

Worship

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections- Reformation Sunday

Sunday School in the Gathering Room

Learning Team Meeting

Deacon Training Meeting

Cantata Rehearsal

Monday

10:00-11:30am

October 28

Staff Meeting

Tuesday

5:00-6:30pm

6:30-8:00pm

October 29

Finance Team Meeting

Slow Church Study

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

10:00-11:30am

4:00-5:00pm

6:30-7:30pm

October 30

Men's Breakfast

Slow Church Study

Handbell Rehearsal

Confirmation Class

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

3:00-4:30pm

November 3

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Worship

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections- Sermon Discussions

Sunday School in the Gathering Room

Cantata Rehearsal



Mark your calendar for the Congregational Meeting November 10 following worship to approve the 2025 Terms of Call for Pastor Craig.