

**November 10, 2024; 9:00 am**  
Thirty-Second 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:** *Come, All Christians, Be Committed*      *arr. by Don Hustad*  
*Guide, Me Ever, Great Redeemer*      *arr. by Dale Wood*

**Welcome & Announcements**      *Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

### **Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 16)      *Lew S.*  
Come, bless the Lord, in whom we find our refuge and safety.  
**You are our God; all good things come from you.**  
Come, bless the Lord, who gives us a rich inheritance.  
**You are our God; our lives are in your hands.**  
Come, bless the Lord, who guides us on the path to eternal life,  
whose presence strengthens and sustains us.  
**You are our God; we will not be shaken.**  
Let's worship God together!

### **\* Opening Prayer**

Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. AMEN.

### **\*Sung Response: GTG 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"**

*Laurie C., Cantor*

### **\*Call to Confession (Nehemiah 9:17)**

*Lew S.*

Our God is ready to forgive, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Let us turn to God in honesty and humility, ready to confess our sins.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Lew S.*

**Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties.**

*Silent Confession*

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

Heal us, Lord. **Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to provide joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon** (Psalm 34:22 NRSV)

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*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 Shines on Me"

**God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Psalm Reading: Psalm 119:1-8 (Common English Bible)**

(page 566 in the pew Bible, page 759 Common English Bible)

Those whose way is blameless—

who walk in the LORD's Instruction—are truly happy!

**Those who guard God's laws are truly happy!**

**They seek God with all their hearts.**

They don't even do anything wrong!

They walk in God's ways.

**God, you have ordered that your decrees**

**should be kept most carefully.**

How I wish my ways were strong

when it comes to keeping your statutes!

**Then I wouldn't be ashamed**

**when I examine all your commandments.**

I will give thanks to you with a heart that does right

as I learn your righteous rules.

**I will keep your statutes.**

**Please don't leave me all alone!**

## **Scripture Reading: Mark 12:38-44 (Common English Bible)**

(page 49 in the pew Bible, page 1234 Common English Bible)

As he was teaching, he said, “Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly.”

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who’s been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on.”

### **Children’s Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

### **Commissioning of Faith Formation Volunteers**

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

As members, deacons, elders, and pastors,  
**we build up the body of Christ.**

As teachers and learners, mentors and peers,  
**we build up the body of Christ.**

As leaders and helpers, staff and volunteers,  
**we build up the body of Christ.**

As children, youth, and adults,  
**we build up the body of Christ.**

With stories and songs, with words and actions,  
**we build up the body of Christ.**

Let us not lack for devotion, but be enthusiastic in spirit,  
**Serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

God of all generations, teach us to speak your truth in love and help us to grow as Christ's body, all knit together by your Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit upon those whom you have called to the work of formation, that together we may be shaped through the cross of Christ into your body, the church. Strengthen us in faith, hope, and love, so that we may be your household of ministry, witnesses to your saving work in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Hymn: GTG 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows no Ending"**

**Sermon: "Quality over Quantity"**

*Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

## **Prayers of the People**

Arnold L.	<b>Elaney, Gina &amp; Randy*</b> <small>(Andy L. granddaughter, daughter, sil)</small>	Marie L.
Bob & Ollive B.	Elias B* (Laurie C grandson)	Pass Family
Brian C.	Gib D.	Pat D.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Jesse F.	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Corinne C.	Joan K. (Marcus A. Mom)	Paul W.
Dan B.	Kathy A*(sis/Kevin B., sil/Kim B)	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Dan K.	Liam A.	Sally S.
Danielle B.	Lynn M.	Sherry M.
Dick and Maryann*		Vern A.* (Debra S dad)

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.*

**Moment for Mission: Angel Tree / Hat & Mitten Tree**     *Mary Ellen M.*

**Offering Music: "Simple Gifts"**     *Henry, H., organist*

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn: GTG 766 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" v. 1, 3, 4**

**Congregational Meeting - 2025 Terms of Call for Pastor**

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

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude: "Showalter"**     *arr. by Keith Hampton*

**WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 3,2024**

Individuals in Person: 130

Zoom Households: 7

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
11/03/2024	\$2,786.00	Tithes/Offerings
	.00	"Peace & Global Witness"
10/28-11/1	\$2,541.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	10 .00	Vanco Online" Peace & Global Witness "
	<u>\$5,337.00</u>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>

**Financial Giving and Gratitude**

You can give online at [www.fdlpresbyterian.org](http://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  
11:30-1:00pm  
11:15-2:45pm  
3:00-4:30pm  
6:00-7:30pm  
6:00-8:00pm

**Monday**

10:00-11:30am

**Tuesday**

1:00-2:30pm  
6:30-8:00pm

**Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am  
10:00-11:30am  
1:00-2:30pm  
4:00-5:00pm  
5:30-7:30pm

**Thursday**

1:30-2:30pm

**Friday**

7:00-9:00 pm

**Sunday**

9:00-10:00am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
10:15-11:15am  
11:30-12:45pm  
1:00-2:00pm  
3:00-4:30pm

**November 10**

Worship  
Fellowship Time  
Growing Connections-Life in South Africa  
Sunday School in the Gathering Room  
Worship Team Meeting  
SPIN Serving People In Need  
Cantata Rehearsal  
Boy Scout Committee Meeting/Troop Meeting  
Surviving the Holidays

**November 11**

Staff Meeting

**November 12**

Loving Team Meeting  
Slow Church Study

**November 13**

Men's Breakfast  
Slow Church Study  
Growing Connections Planning Meeting  
Handbell Rehearsal  
Women in Faith

**November 14**

Serving Team Meeting

**November 15**

Cribbage

**November 17**

Worship  
Fellowship Time  
Growing Connections-Adult Day Services  
Sunday School  
PYA Lunch and Activities  
PYA at the Woodlands  
Cantata Rehearsal