

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

Prelude

Thou Shalt Bring Them In

G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Tracy Baker, Blood Drive

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

All: **With praise and adoration, let us worship God together.**

*Hymn #420

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have not obeyed your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Restore us all according to your promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and grant that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

All: **Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. By God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and can be at peace.**

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see blue pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lessons: Luke 15:1-7, 8-10, 11-32

(pew Bible NT, p. 78)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

"Search and Rescue"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice! I Found the Lost

Grindal/Edwards/Wold

*And Jesus said, Our God is like a shepherd who has lost a sheep,
And leaving all the rest he searched until he found what had been lost.
"Rejoice," he cried, "I found the lost! Rejoice with me, rejoice!"
And Jesus said, Our God is like a woman who has lost a coin;
She lit a lamp and searched all night until she found what had been lost.
"Rejoice," she cried, "I found the lost! Rejoice with me, rejoice!"
And Jesus said, Our God is like a father who has lost a son;
He waited every day for him until his son returned to him.
"Rejoice," he cried, "My son came home! Rejoice with me, rejoice!"*

*Doxology

Hymn #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #418

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

*Benediction and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Postlude

Sketch in F Minor

R. Schumann

Worship Leaders: Cameron Howe, Natalie McCain, Michael Trexler

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. MS Youth Group (FH/MS Youth Room)
5:00 p.m. Walk With God (Rear Parking Lot)
5:00 p.m. KidMin (Room 126)
6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group (FH/HS Youth Room)

Monday, September 16

- 9:30 a.m. Marys and Marthas (HS Youth Room)
7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 7 (Scout Room, for boys 11-18)
7:00 p.m. Men's Community Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)

Tuesday, September 17

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
12:00 p.m. Bloodmobile (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Scouts BSA Troop 49 (Room 126, for girls 11-18)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 7 (Scout Room, boys and girls K-5th grade)

Wednesday, September 18

- 12:00 p.m. Open Chapel
12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

Thursday, September 19

- 7:30 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Ringers (Bell Room, 206)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270 and Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

Members Helping Members for September: Dorothy Niles 384-1680 and Diana Smack 384-7046

Called Congregational Meeting: Sunday, September 22 immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving nominees to serve in the Elder Class of 2022.

The Chancel Flowers have been given to the glory of God and in memory of Kathryn Mays, by her loving family.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Tuesday, September 17, from 12:00-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To donate blood: redcrossblood.org. Sponsor Code: FPC. Volunteers are needed to staff the registration table/canteen and to provide snacks for the blood donors, please use the Sign-Up Genius link to volunteer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849A8A62CABFB6-blood1>. Paper sign-up sheets are available on the table just off the Foyer. Alternatively, donors and volunteers are welcome to contact Tracy Baker, 434-907-6656 or swee2ths@comcast.net to join the fun.

ROOTED IN GENEROSITY: Kick-off Lunch! October 6: You and a friend are invited to a lunch hosted by Stewardship and Congregational Life. This lunch will be a great time to learn how we, as a congregation, can be "Rooted in Generosity."

Who's on First? Want to learn more about FPC and the PCUSA? Sundays 9:30 a.m., Oct. 6, 13 & 27 (Officers' Room)

Memorial Gifts

- In Memory of Theodore H. "Gene" Campbell, Jr., Shirley Tweedy
In Honor of Elaine & Dick Boswell, The Family of Gene Campbell
In Memory of Anne Craighill, Carroll Amos
In Memory of Dr. Francis "Jensie" Teague, Jr., Leta Reinhardt
In Memory of Theodore H. "Gene" Campbell, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Doug Brockman
In Memory of Theodore H. "Gene" Campbell, Jr., Carroll Amos

Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpclly.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.



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