



# First Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025



*Can't Keep Silent* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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## Order of Worship

Prelude

*Chorale Partita on ST. ANNE*  
Bruce Stevens, organ

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Introit

*If You Believe and I Believe*

arr. John Bell

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to-geth-er pray,  
the Ho-ly Spir-it must comedown and set God's peo-ple free.  
And set God's peo-ple free, and set God's peo-ple free;  
the Ho-ly Spir-it must comedown and set God's peo-ple free.

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\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 98)

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: God's love fills the world with joy.**

All creation joins in the song of thanksgiving.

**Let us worship God with glad and thankful hearts!**

\*Hymn 687 (vv. 1-4)

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

\*Prayer of Confession

**Faithful God, you call us to sing a new song, but sometimes our voices falter with fear and doubt. When the path ahead is uncertain, we rely on our own understanding instead of trusting yours. When we cannot see the outcome, we forget that your love endures all things. Forgive us for our impatience and fear. Turn our hearts toward you, that your spirit may renew us, strengthen our hope, and help us walk in the light of your grace.**

\*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples

Ian Dayalsingh

*Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.  
They may be picked up from the chapel or playground following worship.*

Hymn 816 (vv. 1 & 3)

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Scripture Reading

Esther 4:5-16

OT p. 425

Sermon

“Live as if...Uncertainty is a Gift”

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Anthem

*Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You*  
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

*Lord, I stretch my hands to You; no other help I know.  
If You should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh, Lord.*

*Lord, I give my soul to You; I seek Your care and love.  
No other blessings do I need but those from You above.*

*Lord, I ask You: Give me faith and help me understand;  
and Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in Your hand.*

*Lord, I stretch my hands to You; no other help I know.  
If You should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?  
Oh, Lord, I stretch my hands to You.*

\*Affirmation of Faith

**In life and in death, we belong to God. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)**

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Chorale Improvisation on WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT*

Paul Manz

\*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

**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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Postlude

*Chorale Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA*

Paul Manz

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More Than  
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**FEATURING:  
Dr. Robin  
Foster**



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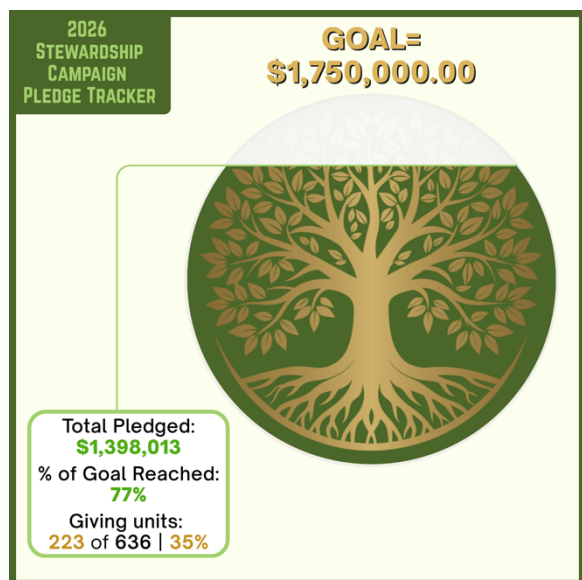
**UKRAINIAN FAIR**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Following Morning Worship | Fellowship Hall

Join us for a celebration of  
Ukrainian culture and community!

Traditional food & music • Crafts for sale •  
Fellowship with Ukrainians supported by our  
outreach partner, Jewish Family Services



**This week's usher team includes:** Jon Morris, Chris Brown, Deborah Miller, Mary Lu Stephens, Robbie Rice  
*If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton ([ksmmfour@aol.com](mailto:ksmmfour@aol.com))*

**Elders at the doors:** Eone Beck, Jay Bryson, Beth Fay

**Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:**

- Robby Aboud, recovering from surgery
- Susan Anthony (*Jane Neer's sister*), favorable cancer treatments
- Bev Berwick (*Jim Berwick's mother*), health concerns
- Sarah Campbell (*Kit and Pat Campbell's daughter*), health concerns
- Annabel Edge, health concerns
- Brian Finlay (*Neely Barnhardt's brother-in-law*), health concerns
- Betty Harlan, health concerns
- Cynthia Hintze, health concerns
- Barbara Mitchell (*Judy Noble's mother*), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, permanently in health care
- Betty Proffitt (*Jenny Morris' mother*), health concerns
- Sandra Putbresi (*Cortland Putbresi's mother*), health concerns
- Karen Rohr, continued recovery from fall
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Amy Starr Redwine, health concerns

**Those Grieving:**

- Walter and Joan Witschey on the death of Walter's sister, Sallie Witschey Hart, on October 30.
- Elizabeth Maser on the death of her husband, Bob Maser, on November 2.

**We pray for members and family serving in the military:**

Tripp Bowles, Jenny Sigel Burkett, Toby Collins, Joshua Garber, Zach Kirk, Mason Louthan, Nathan Thomas Meade, Peyton Spivey, Pierce Tarry, and Will Watkins

**How can we pray for you?**

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