

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”

Setting: Robert J. Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terry Turner, Liturgist

Leader: Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

People: our strength is exalted in God.

Leader: Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

People: God has given us the victory.

Leader: There is no Holy One like the Lord;

People: there is no Rock like our God. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #2 *(see bulletin)*

“Sing Praise to God”

Johann Jacob Schütz

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

People of God, Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #219 *(see bulletin)*

“Jesus Paid It All”

Hall/Grape

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Sing With the Spirit”

Walker Baylor

***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.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH *(5th grade or younger)*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Luke 18:9-14

ANTHEM

“Bring to God the Harvest”

Poorman & Poorman

SECOND READING:

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

“Tales by the Hillside: The Upside Down World of God's Kingdom”

Austin Pounds

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN #277**

“My Faith Had Found A Resting Place”

Lidie H. Edmunds

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”

Arr: J. F. Rusling/J.R. Booth

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Kyle and Kristen Gay on their wedding, October 25, 2025.*

We are so blessed,

Mimi & Papa

AKA: Fred and Ann Rossman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Brooks Sheldon and Marshall McCranie

Please support FPC with a pledge for 2026. Blank pledge cards can be found in the lobby.

Sunday, November 16 YOUTH AFTERNOON (*lunch, shoebox project and confirmation class*)

Monday, November 17 at 12:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES –MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Monday, November 17 at 4 p.m. MISSIONS

Tuesday, November 18 at 11 a.m. *Preschool Thanksgiving in the Fellowship Hall*

Tuesday, November 18 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION

Wednesday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH / YOUTH BAKE AUCTION

Sunday, November 23 THORNWELL OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY

NO WATCH on Wed., November 26

SANCTUARY OPEN TUESDAY FOR PRAYER & INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION Join us
on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., now through January 6th, for prayer & reflection.

YOUTH BAKE AUCTION: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Contact Austin Pounds if you are interested in baking an item for auction to raise money for the youth ministry.

THORNWELL OFFERING: ROOTED IN FAITH

Plan to give next Sunday to support Thornwell's mission to serve children & families with Christ-centered care.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Join us as we partner with Samaritan's Purse to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. A list of gift ideas is available in the lobby.

Money (\$25 per box) is due by **Friday, November 21** for FPC Youth to shop for & fill the shoeboxes for you.

If you want to fill your own shoebox, those are due by **Sunday, November 23rd** (identify boy or girl and the age range, either 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old).

WATCH SUPPER RESERVATIONS

MENU: Wed., November 19 - THANKSGIVING WATCH SUPPER / YOUTH BAKE AUCTION

Everyone: Thanksgiving Baked Turkey & Cornbread Dressing, Green Bean Casserole, Sweet Potato Souffle, Roll, Fruit Tray **Desserts:** Pecan Pie, Pumpkin Pie and Cookies & Ice Cream

Contact Penny to make your reservation: 229-985-3158 or firstpresmoultrie@gmail.com

A NOTE FROM THE FPC FINANCE COMMITTEE: We appreciate all those who have already donated the full amount of their pledges for the current year. To reach our budgeted income goals and meet our commitments in 2025, the church needs to finish out the year with \$65,000 in donations this month and \$65,000 in donations for the month of December as well. ***Please complete giving & 2025 pledge commitments by Dec 15.***