

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 2, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“To God Be the Glory”

Arr.: Don Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Cannon, Liturgist

Leader: Come let us worship the Lord, the Author of Life.

People: Life is a gift from God.

Leader: Life is an adventure with God.

People: Life is possible because of the Grace of God.

Leader: Life is an experiment to become all God wants us to be.

People: Even in the ordinary moments, God is evident.

Leader: Our past and our future are gifts from God.

People: All of life is a gift, not an achievement. Thanks be to God.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

*HYMN #359 *(see bulletin)*

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Williams/Hughes

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Our daily lives can be so filled with busy-ness, we can be prone to forget we were created by God for God. Let us confess our failure to pay attention to the events of our lives; the place where God is most likely to speak to us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

O God, who leads us into holy moments, we confess that we forget we come from you. We give little thought to the souls you have given us so that we might recognize the spark of the divine in us. Teach us to pay attention to the lives entrusted to us. In our sleeping and waking, in our going to work and coming home again, remind us that if we pay attention, we will be able to see that you have given our lives a plot and a purpose. Let us see the ways where you are leading us and may we follow the road that leads to your hallowed presence, for the sake of our Lord and Savior. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

From the very beginning, God knows who we are and what we have become. Even so, God in Christ offers us forgiveness. What astonishing Good News! Let us hear and believe the Good News and declare together:

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 #833 *(see bulletin)*

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Matheson/Peace

THE MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Wer nur den lieben Gott”

Paul Manz

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Psalm 91:1-6; 14-16

ANTHEM

“With Wings As Eagles”

Harlan

SECOND READING:

Jeremiah 32:1-15

SERMON

“The Long Reach of God”

Hugh Ward

***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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

***HYMN #36** *(see bulletin)*

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Rinkart/Crüger

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Chacone”

Jacques Chambonnières

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our granddaughters Collins MacKenzie and Blakleigh Ann Hathcock.*

Diane Herndon and Lewis Herndon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Brooks Sheldon and Marshall McCranie

Our Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please support FPC with a pledge for 2026.

Sunday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Monday, November 3 at 10 a.m. PW BOARD

Tuesday, November 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. PRAYER & REFLECTION (*the sanctuary will be open*)

Wednesday, November 5 at 4 p.m. SPIRITUAL GROWTH (upstairs)

Wednesday, November 5 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL (parlor)

Wednesday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, November 6 at 11 a.m. CORNERSTONES LUNCH ON THE ROAD

Sunday, November 9 PLEDGE/COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 9 AT 12:15 p.m. CORNERSTONES THEATRE TRIP

Monday, November 10 at 10 a.m. CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Monday, November 10 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE THIS EVENING: Sunday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m.

At our annual Remembrance Service, candles will be lit in memory of those who have passed on to the church triumphant in the last year as well as anyone who has passed that had an impact on your faith journey.

Please join us for this very moving service, a touching tribute to those who have gone before us.

A TIME FOR PRAYER & INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION—ON TUESDAYS

Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025 through, Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Church Sanctuary will be open to allow anyone a time for silent reflection and prayer.

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. We will provide a box for you to fill. A list of recommended items will be on the lobby table. **By Sunday, November 23rd**, bring your box filled with the gift items for either a boy or girl and identify the age range (either 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old). ***OR... THIS YEAR, YOU CAN LET OUR YOUTH DO THE WORK!*** They will purchase and pack the items for you. Just make check's payable to MFPC with "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo line or place \$25 in an envelope marked for this project. **Donation deadline: Friday, November 21.**

WATCH SUPPER RESERVATIONS

MENU: Wed., November 5

Regular/Children: Meatloaf or Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Cornbread, Rolls

Diet: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

Dessert: German Chocolate Cake, Cookies & Ice Cream

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