

PLEDGE COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 9, 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

Elaine Barber, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

People: Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow.

The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #612 (see bulletin)

“We Praise You, O God”

Cory/Kremser

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all. Because of his sacrifice for us, God waits in mercy to forgive. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

Forgive us Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor.

Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give.

You have given us the best gift of all; freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life.

Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God heals us and makes us whole.

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 #644 (see bulletin)

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

Cathey/Memmingen/Woodward

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:

II Corinthians 9:6-15

ANTHEM

“Be Not Afraid”

Craig Courtney

SECOND READING:

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

“Tales by the Hillside: The Unfaithful Steward”

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 #697 verses 1, 4-6 *(see bulletin)*

“Take My Life”

Havergal/Malan

*STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT—DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION HYMN #135 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Fawcett/Naegeli

*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 Jackson Lasseter's 14th birthday
by Carrie, Judd, Wyatt, Emily Elizabeth and Anna Claire Lasseter.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Brooks Sheldon and Marshall McCranie

TODAY IS PLEDGE COMMITMENT SUNDAY. Please support FPC with a pledge for 2026.

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

Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m. PW MORNING CIRCLE

Wednesday, November 12 at 1 p.m. FINANCE

Wednesday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, November 13 at 4:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES THEATRE TRIP

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

A TIME FOR PRAYER & INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION—ON TUESDAYS

Join us on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., now through January 6th,
for a time of silent reflection and prayer in the church sanctuary.

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.

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. **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 12

Everyone: Baked Potato or Sweet Potato Bar – fixings, Salad Bar

Desserts: Cinnamon Rolls & Cookies & Ice Cream

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