

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
INTROIT

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Setting: Henri F.Hemy

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Perry Johnson, Liturgist

Leader: See good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!

People: May the Lord our God be with us.

Leader: Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.

People: May the Lord our God show us grace.

*HYMN #3 *(see bulletin)*

“Praise To the Lord, the Almighty”

Neander/Winkworth

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We have a great high priest who can sympathize with our weakness; Jesus, God’s Son, our Savior.

Therefore, with confidence, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Approach the throne of grace with boldness and you will receive mercy and find grace in times of need.

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 #717 *(see bulletin)*

“For the Life That You Have Given”

Daw/Leavitt’s *Christian Lyre*

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

“Celtic Lullaby”

Anonymous

Trey Cox: Irish Whistle, Fiddle, Alto Recorder

*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:

Genesis 12:1-3

ANTHEM

“The Apple Tree”

Richard Jeffrey

SECOND READING:

II Corinthians 9:8-11

SERMON

“Walking with Nouwen: Beloved and Given”

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 #714 *(see bulletin)*

“God of the Fertile Fields”

Harkness/de Giardini

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

R. Mark Otterstad

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Zachary Kiser on his birthday 10/12/95,
by Tom Klar and family.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Joan White and Paul Herndon

Sunday, October 12 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. OUR TIME (kids and youth—meet in the Stegall building)

Monday, October 13 at 10 a.m. CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Monday, October 13 at 12:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES MEETING

Monday, October 13 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE

Tuesday, October 14 at 10 a.m. PW MORNING CIRCLE (study Lesson 8)

Wednesday, October 15 NO WATCH SUPPER (Sunbelt AgEXPO week)

Thursday & Friday, October 16 & 17 FALL BREAK – OFFICE CLOSED

MARK THESE DATES!!

Thursday, October 16—deadline to sign up for THRIVE spring retreat at Epworth. Contact Austin TODAY!!

Sunday, October 19 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Sunday, October 26 REFORMATION/FAMILY HERITAGE SUNDAY with lunch after church

Wednesday, October 29 FALL FESTIVAL—FPC & FMC community festival

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: 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.

As each name is spoken, a candle will be lit and a bell will be chimed. In our Reformed theological tradition, the lighting of a candle signifies the light of Christ in the life of each of those who is named. The chiming of the bell signifies the presence of the Holy Spirit with them now in death, even as the same Spirit dwells with us in life.

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

WATCH RESERVATIONS

SKIP THIS WEDNESDAY!

NEXT SUPPER MENU: Wednesday, October 22

Everyone: Bean Soup, Tomato Soup, Chicken N Dumplings, Sandwiches & Fixings

Dessert: Fruit Tray Treats, Cookies, Ice Cream

NO WATCH SUPPER OCT. 15 & OCT. 29

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