

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

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INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Hall, Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed! Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

People: **We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord, who makes and sustains all things.**

*HYMN #62 *(see bulletin)*

"O for a Thousand Tongues"

C. Wesley/Gläser

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #301 *(see bulletin)*

"Softly and Tenderly"

Will L. Thompson

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

***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**

NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH TODAY

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Psalms 103:1-13

ANTHEM

"God is There"

Althouse

SECOND READING:

Matthew 18:23-35

SERMON

"Tales by the Hillside: The Unforgiving Servant"

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 #246** *(see bulletin)*

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Watts/Hatton

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

(*) *We stand as we are able*

Congratulations to Mallory and Mack Hathcock on the birth of their daughter Collins McKenzie Hathcock on Oct. 12; proud grandparents, Diane Herndon and Lewis Herndon.

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Warren & Sandra Edwards
by their children Sarah, Lynn, Mark & Julie.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Joan White and Paul Herndon

Sunday, October 19: the Stewardship Campaign has begun, please support FPC with a pledge for 2026.

Tuesday, October 21 at 5:15 p.m. SESSION

Wednesday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, October 23 at 11 a.m. CORNERSTONES LUNCH ON THE ROAD

Sunday, October 26 FAMILY HERITAGE SUNDAY – Kirkin’ of the Tartans & Covered Dish Lunch

Sunday, October 26 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. CONFIRMATION CLASS

Monday-Wednesday, October 27-29 CORNERSTONES RETREAT - Epworth

Wednesday, October 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. FPC/FMC COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

Thursday, October 30 from 10 a.m. to noon FPC Preschool Fall Festival

Saturday, November 1 at 1 p.m. Beverly Cagle Montgomery memorial service

Sunday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m. Remembrance Service

NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 26: FAMILY HERITAGE/REFORMATION SUNDAY

Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans during 11 a.m. worship service.

Bring a side/dessert for the lunch next Sunday, October 26. The church will provide the chicken and drinks.

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.

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

HELP NEEDED OCT. 22 AT 3:30 P.M.

We need to complete the ASPCA DOG MATS PROJECT begun at a church event in late September. We have an opportunity to finish the mats. All you have to be able to do is cut on a straight line and tie a knot! Help wanted. We are going to meet Wednesday, October 22nd at 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall before WATCH supper. Please come and lend a hand. — ***Linda Stegall & Susan Turner***

WATCH RESERVATIONS

MENU: Wednesday, October 22

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

Dessert: Fruit Tray Treats, Cookies, Ice Cream