

First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson



November 17, 2019
401 Darst Road
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, November 17, 2019
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Seasonal Color: Green
10:15 AM Worship Service

PRELUDE: Voluntary on "We Gather Together"
Composer: Beatrice Hatton Fisk (1903-1977)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: There is One, who is before all things, that has brought each one of us into this world in pure joy.

MANY: It is in joy that we have been created and it is in joy that we are to live our lives.

All: Let our joy so radiate through us that life itself is transformed.

HYMN: #372 O, For A World (AZMON)

*INVITATION TO NEW LIFE

***PRAYER FOR NEW LIFE – The first snows have already fallen and it has caused its usual chaos. Yet the snow is beautiful in its own way. Our lives are like the snow, Lord and although there is chaos, yet our lives are beautiful. May we carry this beauty with us. Help us to limit our chaotic parts so that others may get a glimpse of their own beautiful selves. Thank You, Artistic God for Your beautiful work of humanity. Amen**

ACT OF PRAISE: Let All Things Now Living (words below) (ASH GROVE)

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

***PEACE PRAYER – Weave the tapestries of our lives into peaceful reflections of love and grace. Amen**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND ALL THOSE WHO LISTEN IN

ANTHEM: Hear Me Now, O Lord (words on page 7)
Words and Music by Jay Althouse

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING – **May the beauty of our voices combined become an invitation to all to find the voice that belongs only to them. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 21:5-19

RESPONSE: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (words below)

Open your ears, O faithful people;
Open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood;
God has come to you.
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
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SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 65:17-25

SERMON “What a Delight”

*HYMN: # 174 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom (MADELEINE)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Reflection on "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"

DOXOLOGY: # 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – **We are in awe that you find us delightful. Amen.**

HYMN: # 719 Come, Labor On (ORA LABORA)

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION:

**Grace and Peace Be With You, 'Til we meet again
Grace and Peace be with you, Let God's love come in;
And shine through your heart light, in everything you do,
Grace and Peace be with you, God will see us through.**

POSTLUDE: Hymn to Joy

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Lectionary Readings for the upcoming weeks:

November 24th – Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

December 1st – Isaiah 2:1-5, Roman 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

December 8th - Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Concern List:

Betty Allen
Betty Allen's Children – Ken, Patty and Tom
Tommy Babb – Friend of the Rockow family
Jane Ann Bowen – Cousin of Debby Koenig and Jan Foster
Santiago Casas –Great Grandson of Becky Henderson
Joe Cieniceros, Jr. – Nephew of Earleen Lawrence
Robert Elliott – Lovene Hartman's Brother
Nancy Fedorchak
Kelly Gorham – Mike Trautman's Friend
Matt Helm – Betty & Bob Rybacki's Grandson-in-Law
Leah Holler
Aaron Hotze
Karen – Barbara Bowyer's Sister
The Kennedy Family
Jerry Miller
Howard Nelson
Nora – Great Granddaughter of Becky Henderson
Margaret Rauhut– Lee Rauhut's Mother
Phyllis Ritts
David Rutherford – Son of Maureen Rutherford
Sue Schmidt – Friend of Jamie McDonald
Carson Shelley - Mike Trautman's Friend
Todd Shelton “**Big Todd**”
Rich Shugert – Brother of John Shugert
Arlie Tempel
Nancy Tempel



Please contact the church office if you have additional names.



Today's floral arrangement is given by:

Lee and Eleanor Weltmer

"In Celebration of Our 59th Wedding Anniversary"

FAIR TRADE SALE

Sunday, December 1



On the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, in Fellowship Hall, before and after the worship service, you will have the opportunity to purchase some of the most beautiful and unique hand-crafted items by men and women of Peru, Cambodia, Haiti and Egypt. If you enjoy meaningful gift-giving for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries or for any special occasion, please consider choosing from a variety of items that will be made available to you on December 1.

These items, brought to us through Partner's for Just Trade, grew out of the Joining Hands partnership with Peru of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. Their base of operation is located at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. The goal has always been to improve the economic livelihood of these countries through Fair Trade. With your help we make this happen every day!

Found Items



While cleaning at the church we have found the following that may be of interest to our members: Quilting Frame, toddler bed, and Mosaic/Stain Glass. Contact Karen Schriefer if you would like to see these items. In addition, we hope to have some small decorative items on display in fellowship hall on Sunday November 24th. Items will be free and on a first come first take basis.

Poinsettias

Yes, it's that time of year when "time flies". It won't be long before we begin decorating our beautiful Sanctuary for "the most wonderful time of year!". I will be taking orders for Poinsettias. - Becky Henderson



December is almost here and it's once again time for our FPC Ladies Christmas Party. The event will be held on **Friday, December 6th at 6 pm at Hendel's Restaurant**. I have sent an email to many of the ladies but for those I don't have an email, please know you are welcomed to join us. You may respond via phone or text me at 314 805-1205 or by email ibemoe@att.net. Hope to see as many as we had at our summer lunch. Merry Christmas to my FPC friends.

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Hear Me Now, O Lord

Hear me now, O Lord, I come with rev'rence to You.
Hear me now, O Lord, I come with questions for You.

When my days are like the shadows of evening,
Filled with darkness and despair,
then I know that in Your love and compassion,
You will counsel me; You will care.

Hear me now, O Lord, I come with rev'rence to You.
Hear me now, O Lord, I ask for guidance from You.

When my heart is like a tree without water,
anguished and in need of prayer,
then I hunger and I thirst for Your wisdom.
You will nourish me; You will care.

Hear me now, O Lord, I come with rev'rence to You.
Hear me now O Lord, I come, I come to You.



Breakfast with Santa will be on **Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00am to 11:30am**. Bring your kids and grandkids to church for a light breakfast, arts and crafts, pictures with Santa, and buy small treats in the Santa Shop. Free vision screening will be available for children 1-16 years. A donation of peanut butter for the food voucher program is requested. Please talk to Tom Clayton or Jeannie Dobrich if you have any questions. You may email Jeannie at jkdiana3@sbcglobal.net.

Advent/Christmas Schedule

November 24 – Christ The King Sunday, Last Sunday of Church Year

December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent 10:15am

December 7 - Hanging of the Greens 9:00am-1:00pm

December 13- Getting Ready for Breakfast with Santa 10:00am

December 14 - Breakfast with Santa 9:30am 12:30p

December 15 - Christmas Cantata 10:15am

December 22 – Family Christmas Service 10:15am

December 24 – Christmas Eve 11:00pm

December 29 – Hymn Sing of Christmas Songs 10:15am



TO OUR VISITORS

We warmly welcome all that have come to this service. Let us reach out our hands and hearts in friendship to one another. Please join us for coffee, juice and conversation in our Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. If you are without a church home, please accept our invitation to join us in fellowship and service. Speak to the pastor or call us at 522-8542 or email fergpres@gmail.com and we will be glad to arrange a visit or send information.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Michael F. Trautman; Minister
Bill Wade; Music Director
Marcia Key; Office Administrator
Lee Weltmer; Treasurer
John Shugert; Financial Recorder
Susan Owens; Nursery Supervisor
LaHaji Thomas; Youth Ministry Coordinator

Office Hours

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday – 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Friday – Closed

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 17:

9:00am- Choir Rehearsal 9:45am - Coffee Hour 10:15am - Worship Service

Monday, November 18:

9:00am - Wood Carvers 6:30pm - AA group

Tuesday, November 19:

8:00am – ROMEO's 12:30pm - Card Making 6:30pm – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 20:

10:00am – Food Voucher 11:00am - Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
2:00pm – Handbells 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21:

No Events

Friday, November 22:

No Events

Saturday, November 23:

No Events