

November 12, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
24th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *How Firm a Foundation*

Hustad

Welcome and Announcements

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Elder Charlene Tillman

O sing to the LORD a new song, for the LORD has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

The LORD has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to his people.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God!

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Break forth into joyful song and sing God's praise!

[from Psalm 98]

***Processional Hymn 41** *O Worship the King*

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

The Scriptures tell us, *"If we say that we have not sinned, the truth is not in us, and we deceive ourselves. If we confess our sins, our Lord is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* [I John 1.8-9]

Let us offer our confession together.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess to you that there have been times when we failed to do your will.

Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not always acted as if we belong to you. In Jesus Christ, you demonstrate your gracious love.

Even when we do not love you, nor love ourselves, nor love what we have done, you still love us! Let your loving mercy now cleanse us. Have your way in us and through us. Unite us by your Spirit to you and to one

another. Use us to give a positive witness to the world around us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Scriptures also tell us, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life. For the Son did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him"* [John 3.16-17]
Friends, receive this good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Dr. Ella Busby

Offertory Anthem *Children's Medley*

Ham

***Praise of God**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

***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; he descended into hell; 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.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen

Message to the Children

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker

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 the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn 69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

We Receive God's Word

Scripture Joshua 24:14-25 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Dr. Ella Busby

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn 37** *Let All Things Now Living*

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*
Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *The Star-Spangled Banner*

McDonald

Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

We welcome back to our church Dr. Ella Busby, associate presbyter for New Harmony Presbytery, and friend of this congregation.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by Bill & Charlene Tillman in loving memory of Ruth and Dan Tillman and Francis Tillman, and in honor of all faithful members of this congregation.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Libby Knight in the death of her sister-in-law, Donna M. Bilby.

The Church This Week (11/12/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	5:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of November 12, 2023

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Beth O'Neal
 Bobbie Jones
 Keller Smith
 Gene Brymer

We will have a reception in the Fellowship Building following the worship service next Sunday, November 19th to give everyone an opportunity to meet our new pastor, Rev. Max and his wife, Jenny.

We will need all Christmas Shoe Box Ministry boxes to be placed in the library by next Sunday, November 19 at 12:00pm. They will be delivered to the collection station after morning worship.

It's time to order our Christmas poinsettias! If you would like to honor or remember someone, please place your order by Sunday, November 19th. Poinsettias will be red with green wrappers.

The prices are:
 small: 6 1/2 inch - \$11.50
 large: 8 inch - \$16.00

Please place your money and requests in the offertory plate in an envelope or drop it off at the church office. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church. **Include all money and requests in an envelope labeled**

Attn: Karen Tillman

Your name: _____
 Remembrance: _____
 Honor: _____
 number of poinsettias: _____
 size of poinsettias: _____
 total money : _____

Friendsgiving (Thanksgiving) Dinner this Wednesday, November 15 at 5:30. The Church will provide the ham and turkey. We are asking everyone to bring their favorite Thanksgiving side dish and dessert. The Fellowship Committee will provide tea and lemonade. Please join us for this special meal!

PW will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas on Thursday, November 30th at 10:00 a.m.



The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

Session of First Presbyterian Church

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Gina Goddard	Marietta Melton Burch	Kelli Beck
John Joyce	Cathy Chapman	Avery Dickson
Christie McLeod	David Nagel	Mary Jane Evans
Calvin Phillips	Dan Tillman, III	Jean Page Watson
Charlene Tillman	Jennifer Tillman	

The Church Staff

Pastor	Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE
Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary	
Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton	Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper	Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
Mrs. Mary Gullledge, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery	Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
 Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland

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