

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by re-affirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

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| Rev. Carl Utley | General Presbyter, Presbytery of the Peaks |
| Ashley Stanley-Robey | Music Director |
| Sound | C. B. Strange |
| Video | Alex Walthall |
| Liturgist | Kathy Dolianitis |
| Greeter | Barbara Wilkins |
| Side door/Offering | Kim Wimer |
| Communion | Dave Clark/Kathy Dolianitis |

BUDGET UPDATE

| | September 1 – 30 | YTD |
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| Contributions | \$34,824.15 | \$270,588.37 |
| Expenditures | \$60,930.79 | \$393,289.19 |
| Difference | (-\$26,106.64) | (-\$122,700.82) |

First Presbyterian Church

November 3, 2024

11 a.m.



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

All Saint's Sunday ~ November 3, 2024

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

PRELUDE "O Thou in Whose Presence" Wyeth/D. Burton

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: We will look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Leader: For the sake of the joy that was set before him, Jesus endured the cross, disregarding its shame.

People: He has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Praise the Lord.

INVOCATION

Everlasting Father, thank you for your faithfulness throughout the generations. By faith, we see your mighty hand in creation and in the lives of your people throughout history. By faith, your children have followed you through the wilderness. By faith, your people have called out to you for peace and mercy. By faith in Jesus, your children have been rescued from sin. Help us to have faith in your promises. Help us to fix our eyes on you as we run the race of life. Help us to walk by faith and not by sight. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #19

God of Great and God of Small

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

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| November 4th | Presbyterian Women's Day Circle 12:30pm |
| November 5th | Handbells 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 6:00pm |
| November 6th | Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00pm |
| November 7th | Bible Study 10:30am Choir Practice 4:30pm |
| November 8th | Saturday Lunch Ministry 11:30am |
| November 10th | Worship Committee Meeting 9:00 am |

Members of the Church Triumphant

Robert Brooks
Betty Fitzgerald
Lois Hayes
Netta Fae Smith
Nancy Wilson

There will be a congregational meeting today, immediately following church. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for 2025. Your nominating committee has been working to find individual who have agreed to serve this church.

Commitment Sunday will be Sunday November 10th. Please bring your commitment cards, we will place them in baskets during the service.

For our Wednesday night dinner, Nov. 6th, we will have chili, cornbread, salad, and a delicious dessert. Please fill out the form in the bulletin if you plan on attending or call the office by Wednesday morning.

List of Session members

Class of 2024: Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann
Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*
Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Wimer

*Denotes Steering Committee Members

“Thanksgiving Canon”

Traditional English tune, and “Tallis Canon” by Thomas Tallis (1505-85)
Lyrics by Jean Anne Shafferman (b. 1953), anon. (v. 2), and Thomas Ken (1637-1710)
Arranged by Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

O come, ye thankful people, come and raise the song of harvest home.
Come, join creation’s happy song; to God our praise and love belong.
In ev’ry land begin the song; to ev’ry land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise and fill the world with loudest praise.
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.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

About the Anthem:

I was drawn to this anthem because it presents familiar lyrics in such a fresh new way. It also ends with “Tallis’ Canon,” the primary musical subject of my master’s thesis. Jean Anne Shafferman adapted the opening verse of the popular Thanksgiving hymn, “Come, Ye Thankful People Come,” to fit with Anna Laura Page’s arrangement of the English tune, O WALY WALY. The text of verse two is an adaptation of Psalm 117; the writer of the second verse of this anthem remains anonymous. For the final verse, Mrs. Page sets the text of the Doxology, “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow,” to the first tune and then restates it to the popular Renaissance tune, TALLIS CANON. This piece of music combines the contributions of several composers and writers across five centuries of Christian worship.

I encourage you to read through the hymn “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” this week, as we will be playing another arrangement of that hymn on handbells next Sunday. Also, consider Psalm 117 as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving. Praise and gratitude go hand in hand in the life of the Christian.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord.—Psalm 117

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The psalmist assures us, “As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.” In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God’s blessings and then remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

RESPONSE

“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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God who has so richly blessed us.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous and loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ, may we freely share your love with others through these gifts we offer today. May they be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERTORY: "Nearer, My God, to Thee" L. Mason/J. Krug

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Thanksgiving Canon" English tune/Tallis
arr. Anna Laura Page

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We wait for you, Lord, our souls wait for you, and in your Word we hope. Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we may have hope and believe in the good news. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (385/369) Job 19:23-27a
(783/745) Luke 20:27-38

SERMON "Resurrection Children" Rev. Carl Utley

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNION HYMN #370 This Is My Father's World

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "For All the Saints" Vaughan Williams/
C.E. Walz

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING