Serving Today

Ushers:  
8:25a.m.  Jay Haggard (Head), Mark Dail, Mara Edmister, Janelle Haggard, Margaret Heberlein, Rufus McAden, Joy Thompson  
10:55a.m.  Hal Vandersese (Head), Stephen Healy, Ben Healy, Marilyn Vandersese, Chip Chagnon, Dan Frey, Margaret Colbert, George Moore  

Greeters:  
8:25a.m.  Patti Fleming  
10:55 a.m.  Mike and Nancy Newman  

WELCOME: guests! Please write your name on a visitor’s badge for your blouse or lapel. Along with our members, please sign the Friendship Pad when passed to you during the service.

WORSHIP SYMBOLS  * Please rise in body or spirit  

CHILDREN are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. Beginning at 8:30AM, our paid and background-checked nursery workers would be honored to care for your little ones (infants-4 years). Please see an usher for directions to the nursery (room 1:23 in the Ministry Center). The nursery is available for nursing at any time. Following the Children’s Moment, those in the 2nd grade or younger may depart for Children’s Worship and Wonder. For those 3rd grade and up, ask an usher for worship bags for your child(ren).

RESTROOMS are available in the Ministry Center (including a family restroom with changing table) and the Session House.

ACCESSIBILITY: Hearing assistance devices with ear coverings are available and large print hymnals are available in the last row of pews. Please ask an usher if you have need. Wheelchair accessibility is provided by ramps on either side of the Sanctuary and in back of the Ministry Center.

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Lectionary Reading for November 24, 2019  
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Col. 1:11-20  

Session 2019  
Edward Bellis, Moderator, Maren Sonstegard-Spray, Karen Reed, Clerk  

Administration  
Chris Kelso ’19  
Betsy Conzelman ’20  
Trudy Martin ’20  

Education  
Jennifer East ’19  
David Hale ’20  
Janet Bryan ’20  

Worship  
Janelle Haggard ’21  
Gayle Hardy ’21  
George Moore ’21  

Pastoral & Program Staff  
* The Rev. Edward Bellis, Interim Pastor  
* The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray, Associate Pastor  
* The Rev. Lloyd Griffith, Parish Associate  
* Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang, Director of Education and Youth Ministry  

Music Program Staff  
* Pat K. Rowlett, Director of Music  
  Vance Harper Jones, Organist  
  Susan Mabie, Director, Resurrection Singers  
  Cindy Sutton, Assistant Organist and Pianist  
  Dru Wilkins, Music Assistant  

Office and Support Staff  
* Tommy Hall, Administrative Coordinator  
* Priscilla Miller, Interim Office Administrator  
* Cathy Wingfield, Communications Coordinator  
* Amber Zappel, Financial Secretary  
* Kerri Wheeler, Children’s Worship  
  James Briley, Jr., Treasurer  
  Louis Foye, Sexton  
  Lisa Wood, Nursery Coordinator  
  Cindi DeVoe, Nursery Staff  
  Missy Dixon, Nursery Staff  

Pre-school  
* Kerri Wheeler, Director of Preschool  

You can contact persons designated * by replacing their first names as in the example for our pastor: maren@firstpresnb.org  

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Worship bags for your child(ren).  

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End Times, woodcut from a book by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

23rd Sunday After Pentecost  
November 17, 2019  

--- Eight Twenty-five and Ten Fifty-five a.m. ---

Trusting that God’s grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation.

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Following the “Chiming of the Trinity” and during the “Prelude,” please enter a period of silent meditation. The Prayer of Preparation is offered to assist you. If you wish to share a joy or concern with the pastoral staff, please write it on the tan prayer card found in the pew rack. We will collect these cards in the offering. If you wish the prayer to remain confidential, place the card in a provided privacy envelope. Please silence or turn off cell phones.

**Prayer of Preparation**

Almighty and merciful God, in the words of Christ the Lord be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Welcome tomorrow. Alert and true to Almighty and merciful God, in the words of Christ, favor on our worship, as in Christ we seek to be faithful.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you. In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God! God of 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 the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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For we are misled by our goodness; we look with disdain on those less fortunate and ignore poverty. Claiming to be among the mighty, we favor those with similar gifts and similar strengths. As individuals and as a nation, we test your patience. Yet, in Christ you love us still. Forgive our pride and restore us to the joy of your salvation, so that what we say and do are acceptable in your sight. (Silent confession)

**Kyrie Eleison**

John Merbecke

* Assumption of Pardon

**Response 437** You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy Wetzel

You write Lord, giver of mercy. You write Christ, giver of mercy.

* Summary of the Law

“...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:37-39

* Passing of the Peace

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

(10:55) **Children’s Moment** Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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 175, verse 2**

Seek Ye First

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew and place prayer request cards in the offering plate.

* Assumption of Pardon

**Doxology** Hymn 606

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. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

Redeemer of the nations, great and wonderful are your works. All that we bring, you provided. Through your grace, we offer our acts asking they be worthy of praise. Receive our offerings of praise and thanksgiving for your benevolent care and multiply our efforts to your everlasting glory. We offer our gifts in the name of Jesus Christ, the obedient one. Amen.

* Hymn 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Gladden/Smith

**First Lesson** Isaiah 65:17-25 OT pg. 696

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** The Light of Glory Martin

Resurrection Singers Cindy Sutton, Piano; Winston Dixon, Bass

**Second Lesson** Luke 21:5-19 NT pg. 85

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** Give Me the Bad News First The Rev. Bellis

* 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 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

Hymn 581

**Moment for Stewardship** Jim Briley

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God. “Dearly Departed, you may be gone from our sight, but you are never gone from our hearts.” In memory of Terry Vis, Sunny Morton, and so many more.

Congratulations to Lauren Chapman and Benjamin LaMatte who were married here yesterday. Lauren is the daughter of Carl and Carolyn Chapman.

CASC: None at press time

**Prayers of the People and (8:25) The Lord’s Prayer**

* Hymn 711 Lord of All Good Bayly/1551

* Benediction

We are grateful to Cindy Sutton, pianist, who is substituting for Vance Harper Jones today. Thanks to Cindy for the gift of her talents to our worship services