

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR OCT. 1, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 401 *Here in This Place (vrs1&3)* GATHER US IN

Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Phil. 2:10-11*

One: At the name of Jesus every knee should bend
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION *from Ezek. 18:31*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) *from Phil. 2:3-4, 13*

Righteous God,
we confess that we have not lived as
your obedient children.
We have honored you with our words,
but we have denied you with our actions.
We have not pursued the mind of Christ,
who took the form of a servant,
for we have acted with selfish ambition.
We have put our interests before the
interests of others
and have not regarded them in humility.
Forgive us our arrogance,
awaken our hearts to sincere repentance,
and enable us to will and to work for
your good pleasure,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Ezek. 18:32*

One: Siblings in Christ, God offers forgiveness of our sin and abundant life to those who repent. Turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Glory to God!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

*RESPONSE 581 *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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from Ps. 25:4-5*

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

FIRST READING *PSALM 24*

(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

SECOND READING *COLOSSIANS 1:9-20*

SERMON *"It's All About Jesus"* Rev. Jim Gilbert

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *NICENE CREED*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

With grateful hearts, let us offer our gifts, trusting in God's goodness.

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *from Phil. 2:13*

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

COMMUNION PRAYER (*prayers of the people*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE FEAST

(Please hold elements until all have been served and we will commune together)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION *from Phil. 2:5*

*BLESSING

HYMN 547 *Go My Children, with My Blessing* AR HYDY NOS

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

Oct. 2 - Oct. 5 - Church Office Closed
(for timely matters, call 606-875-3474)
Tue., Oct. 3 @ 5:00pm - Christian Education
Wed., Oct. 4 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Oct. 5 @ 4:00pm - Worship Meeting
Thur., Oct. 5 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Fri., Oct. 6 @ 7:30am - Men's Breakfast

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Naomi Judy
Ushers.....Kim King & Zack Vaught
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Cathy Wright

First Reading—Psalm 24

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, ²for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.

⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! ⁸Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah*

Second Reading—Colossians 1:9-20

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

The family of Paul Wright Jr., Richard Wright's brother; Lynn Cain; Austin West; Rogelio Castillo; David Bosh; Don Haney; Pauline & Bill House's son, Jack Wood; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Rebecca Davis; Richard Wright's sister, Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of Sept.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$9,239	\$13,934	\$114,827	\$125,404
Non-Pledged	\$3,167	\$3,154	\$37,976	\$28,389

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Lynn Cain
Next Week.....Cathy Wright

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Mary Jones
Ushers...Suzanne Kidd, Carol Wade, Autumn & Forrest Brock
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Lynn Cain
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Rev. Jim Gilbert

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	

Elders:

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Forrest Brock	Charles Leveridge	
Kimberly King	Zack Vaught	Sharon Mandt
Chris Phillips	John Wright	Perry Waller

First Presbyterian Church

October 1st, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday After

Pentecost



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.