

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR NOV. 12, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 301 *Let Us Build a House (vrs.1)* TWO OAKS

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Ps. 78:4; 1 Thess. 4:13-14*

One: People of God, listen:
the Lord has done marvelous things.

All: **Teach our children all that God has done
so that they may live in hope
and die in peace.**

***HYMN 175** *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy and gracious God,
you are all light and wonder and glory.
You are our strength and our delight;
you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by all that glitters,
continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.
Overwhelm us with your goodness
and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life,
the fount of all that is good.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Rom. 8:38-39*

One: Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate
us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel!

All: **We are forgiven!**

***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 John 6:68*

FIRST READING AMOS 5:18-24
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 749 *Come! Live in the Light!* WE ARE CALLED

SECOND READING MATTHEW 25:1-13

SERMON *"Justice and Righteousness"* Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 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;
on 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 life everlasting. Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM
*Freely we have received;
freely we give,
with gratitude and joy.*

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!* ASSURANCE

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING**

HYMN 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me(vrs5)* GREEN TYLER

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

TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Mon., Nov. 13 @ 11:00am - Presbyterian Women Bible Study
Wed., Nov. 15 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Nov. 16 @ 4:00pm - Deacons Meeting
Thur., Nov. 16 @ 5:45pm - Centering Prayer
Thur., Nov. 16 @ 6:00pm - Session Meeting
Fri., Nov. 17 @ 11:30am - Lunch Ladies @ Mellow Mushroom

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Nina Wilhelm
Ushers.....Marshall Judy & Suzanne Kidd
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Richard Wright
Coffee Plus.....Erin Stephens

First Reading—Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
 Why do you want the day of the Lord?
 It is darkness, not light,
 19 as if someone fled from a lion
 and was met by a bear
 or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
 and was bitten by a snake.
 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
 and gloom with no brightness in it?
 21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
 offerings,
 I will not accept them,
 and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
 I will not look upon.
 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
 I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
 24 But let justice roll down like water
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Second Reading—Matthew 25:1-13

1“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

David Bosh; The family of Bruce Orwin; The family of Phyllis Gabbard, the grandmother of Alden & Harrison Gabbard; Barbie Cooper; Natalie Brock; Carol Prater's brother, Ken Osbourne; Lynn Cain; Rogelio Castillo; Don Haney; Pauline & Bill House's son, Jack Wood; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Richard Wright's sister, Peggy; Glenda Wilson; Pat Carpenter; Bill House; Ed & Joyce Mick; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of Oct.	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$12,800	\$13,934	\$127,628	\$139,338
Non-Pledged	\$7,163	\$3,154	\$45,139	\$31,543

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Suzanne Kidd
Next Week.....

Assisting in Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Cathy Wright
Ushers.....Mary Jones & John Wright
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....Richard Wright
Coffee Plus.....Cindy Fountain
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Mike Loiacono
Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

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

November 12th, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



Bridesmaids Sleeping, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57769> [retrieved November 9, 2023]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/paullew/6317715388/> - Fr Lawrence Lew, O.P..

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.