

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR NOV. 19, 2023

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. By Bill Wolaver

INTROIT 658 *God I So Good (vrs.1)* GOD IS GOOD

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Ps. 90:1, 2*

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations;

All: you have been our home throughout all the ages.

One: You were there before the world was made
and will be forever.

All: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

***HYMN 363** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION *from 1 Thess. 5:9*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *from Ps. 90:3, 12*

Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or one another.
When we place our iniquities before you,
it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.
As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,
we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Ps. 90:3, 12*

One: Children of light, when we acknowledge our human limitations
and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise
in heart to God's commands. You are freed to love another,
for your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Amen.

All: in Jesus Christ, 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.

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

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from 1 Thess. 5:1-11*

FIRST READING PSALM 90:1-12
(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 652 *A Grateful Heart* ROCKINGHAM

SECOND READING MATTHEW 25:14-30

SERMON "God's Investment" Linda Crawford

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 203** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHEREPONI

***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 *from Matt. 25:14-30*

*In giving to God, we grow closer to God.
Let us offer our life and labor to the One
who draws near
and freely gives the treasure of eternal life
in Christ.*

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** *from Ps. 90:1; Matt. 25:14-30*

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***BLESSING**

HYMN 654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* IN THE LORD I'LL BE
EVER THANKFUL

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! @ 12:00pm - Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal
Tue., Nov. 21 @ 5:00pm - Earth Care Team Meeting
Tue., Nov. 21 @ 5:00pm - A/V Volunteer Training
Wed., Nov. 22 - Thur., Nov. 23 - Church Office Closed

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Laura Wright
Ushers.....Autumn & Forrest Brock
Audio.....Josh Jones
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew

First Reading—Psalm 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ²Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals." ⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; ⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. ⁸You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰The days of our life are seventy years or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. ¹²So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Second Reading—Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

David Bosh; 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.....Linda Bonardel

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Nina Wilhelm
Ushers.....Marshall Judy & Suzanne Kidd
Audio.....Terry Randall
Video.....
Coffee Plus.....Erin Stephens
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Linda Crawford

Deacons:

Paula Burlew Eileen Stockham Carol Prater
 Cindy Fountain Mary Beth Waller

Elders:

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

First Presbyterian Church

November 19th, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After



Fortt, Annette Gandy. Parable of the Talents, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56021> [retrieved November 15, 2023]. Original source: annettefortt.com.

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.