

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CELL PHONES ARE TURNED OFF.

Welcome, Gathering, and Announcements Neal Keenum, Lay Reader

Prelude "The Love of Jesus Medley"
Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: *reminder that we are baptized children of God***

*Call to Worship Neal Keenum

L: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
ALL: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body.
L: There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free;
there is no longer male and female;
ALL: For through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are all one in Christ Jesus.

*Hymn "We Are One in the Spirit" #300

*Call to Confession Neal Keenum
L: We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins, first silently, then together. (*Silence*)

*Prayer of Confession
ALL: Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon Neal Keenum
L: God calls us beloved children, and Jesus claims us as sisters and brothers. This is the good news of God's grace: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
ALL: Thanks be to God!

*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."

Prayer for Illumination
ALL: Lord God, as you spoke long ago through the voices of the prophets, speak to us here, speak to us now, through the power of your Spirit and the promise of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 8 Neal Keenum

Special Music, *FPC Choir*: "In Every Land Begin the Song" Williams & Martin

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 10:13-16 Pastor Betsy

Sermon "All God's Children" Pastor Betsy

*Affirmation of Faith *From A Brief Statement of Faith*
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, and feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offertory "Seed Scattered and Sown" #531
September/October Dollars for Mission will support the Fall trip to Guatemala.

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology Pastor Betsy

Prayers of the People

*Hymn "One Bread, One Body" #530

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.**

(Prayer continues)

The Lord's Prayer ("debts/debtors")

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Hymn: "Come to the Table of Grace"

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #306

*Charge and Benediction Pastor Betsy

Postlude "You Shall Go Out with Joy" #80

Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able. **Lael Wilson or Dixie Ramsdell, "the waters", Dennis Dalgleish, candle lighting, Jerry Blaydes, sound system. ***FPC Mission Statement. The congregation is invited to read the print in **BOLD**.

Keeping Close 2024

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, Oct 6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School FH
10:00 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary/Communion
Rev. Betsy Stow

Monday, Oct 7

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga FH
10:00 a.m. Finance Mtg. M2
2:00 p.m. CE Mtg. M2

Tuesday, Oct 8

10:00 a.m. Property Mtg. M2
2:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Mtg. M2

Wednesday, Oct 9

10:00 a.m. Craft Day-Brenda's house
2:00 p.m. Sharing the Journey M2
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary

Thursday, Oct 10

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga FH
11:30 a.m. PM Lunch @ Chik-Fil-A
11:30-1:30 p.m. Snack Sack Lunch Program
2:00 p.m. CC&O Mtg. M2

Fri, Oct 11

12:30 p.m. Bible Study M2

Sat, Oct 12

No Activities Planned

Sunday, Oct 13

9:00 a.m. Sunday School FH
10:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary- Rev. Betsy Stow

We thank God for you!

Happy Birthday to: Judy Murphy **10/6**, Susan Blaydes **10/7**, Judy Comer **10/8**, Jerry Wells **10/10**, Kim Hill **10/10**, Susan Fagg **10/10**, Jane Frankland **10/11**, Suzanne McCauley **10/12**
Happy Anniversary to: Victor/Cheryl Keller **10/10**, Dennis/Susan Dalgleish **10/11**

A message from Doris Munday:

"The cream pitcher full of flowers is lovely and I thank you all for allowing me to pour the water of baptism at our worship service for so many years".



Need It – Take It!

We will begin our program in November. We are in need of heavy winter coats. You may also bring gloves, blankets, scarves, toboggans and socks to the church.



Communion will be served
this Sunday.

Weekly Offering 09/29/24	Weekly Needs
\$ 6,152.00	\$ 3,804.00
YTD Totals	YTD Needs
\$153,324.62	\$148,356.00

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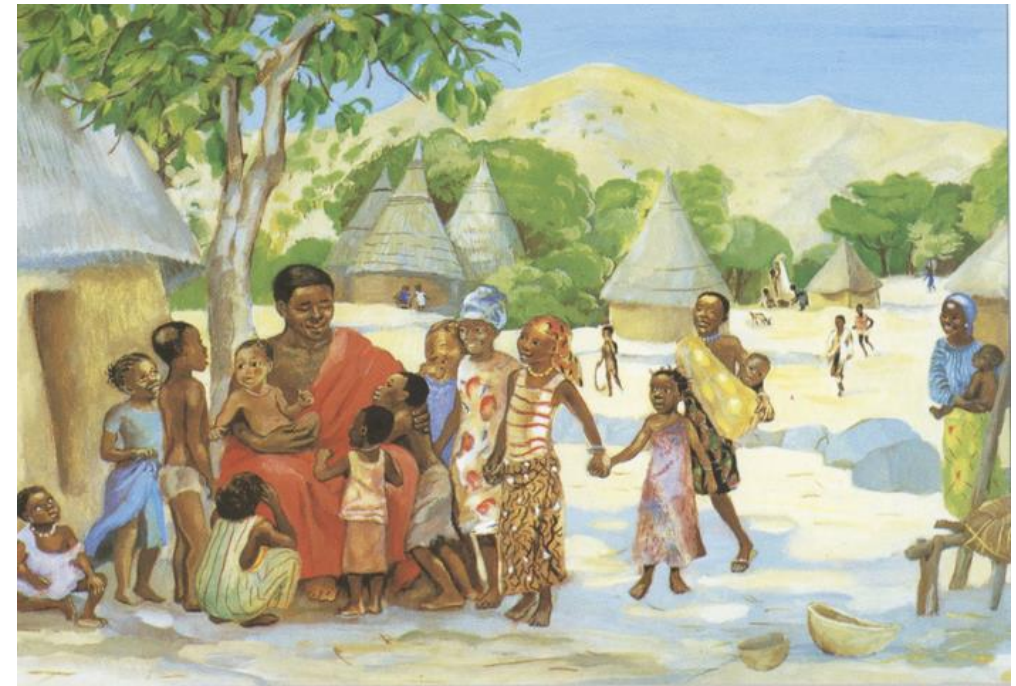
October 6, 2024 10:00 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

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growing in Faith, serving with Hope, sharing God's Love***



Leaders of Service: Pastor: Rev. Betsy Stow
Music Director: Frank Armato | Lay Reader: Neal Keenum