

Welcome and Gathering

Gail Lehman, Ruling Elder

With deeds of love and mercy The heavenly kingdom comes.

Words of Assurance

ALL: Jesus foresaw a time of distress and travail for his followers. Nation will rise against nation; there will be earthquakes, famine, terror, and signs from heaven. God's people will face persecution and be delivered to the authorities. Yet they are to endure and bear witness to the truth, for God will be with them.

Prelude

"Jupiter" (*Choral Theme*)

Gustav Holst

Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: *reminder that we are baptized children of God***

*Call to Worship

Gail Lehman, Lay Reader

L: It is God who rescues the weak and the needy and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

ALL: Arise, O God, judge the earth; for to you belong all the nations!

L: Let us worship God.

*Hymn

"O God, Show Mercy to Us"

#341

*Affirmation of Faith

Traditional Nicene 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 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

*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."

#581

Prayer of Confession

ALL: God of consuming fire, treat us not as stubble through the folly of our misdeeds. We are misled by arrogance as we boast of our goodness; we look with disdain on those less fortunate, and ignore the poverty of our own souls. Claiming to be among the mighty, we favor those gifted with similar strengths. As individuals and as a nation, we test your patience. Yet in Christ you love us still. Forgive our pride and restore our sanity, so that we may yet serve you.

Choral Response

"Lead On, O King Eternal! Vs 2

#269

**"Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Sisters and brothers, it is God who gives justice to the weak and maintains the right of the afflicted and destitute. God rescues the needy and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. As you confess your sins, God is faithful and just and will,

ALL: through Christ, deliver you blameless in the day of God's Judgement. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Scripture Reading

Luke 21: 5-19

Special Music

"Holy, Holy, Holy" *FPC Choir*

#559

Sermon

"No Worries"

Rev. Dr. Royce Browder

Our Offerings

November/December Dollars for Mission will assist "Night to Shine"

Offertory

"Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness"

#657

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him,
all creatures here below. Praise Him above the Heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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.**

*Closing Hymn

"Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love"

#449

*Charge

Lew Mesta, Ruling Elder

*Benediction

Dr. Royce Browder, Teaching Elder

Choral Benediction

"Go with Us, Lord"

#748

**"Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you."**

Postlude

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

#656

Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able. ** Doris Munday 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

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, Nov 19

9:00 a.m. Sunday School w/Judy Comer FH
 "The Wired Word"
 10:00 a.m. Worship **Sanctuary**, Dr. R. Browder

Monday, Nov 20

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga FH

Tuesday, Nov 21

No Activities Planned

Wednesday, Nov 22

No Activities Planned

Thursday, Nov 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov 24

No Activities Planned

Saturday, Nov 25

No Activities Planned

Sunday, Nov 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School w/ Dennis Dalglish FH
 "The Wired Word"
 10:00 a.m. Worship – **Sanctuary** - Dr. R. Browder



The church office will be closed on 11/23 & 11/24 for the holiday.



Looking for volunteers to help at **Winter Wonderland** on Dec. 2. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. See Barbara McInnes to volunteer.

FPC Thanksgiving Meal Nov. 23, 12pm to 2pm. Curbside pickup on Church St. Pickup your traditional turkey dinner. Please call the church office ahead for 10 or more meals. Meal delivery is available in downtown Franklin.

We thank God for you!

Happy Birthday to: Sara J. Dozier **11/23**, Doris Jelley **11/24**, Royce Browder **11/26**,
Happy Anniversary to: Tom/Susan Fagg **11/24**

A note from Marie Hickman,
 "Dear Friends, thank you so much for your cards and letters you sent after the passing of my husband, Howard. He loved this church and singing in the choir when we were there during the summers. Love and Blessings to all."

Advent starts 12/3. If you would like to be a part of an Advent service by lighting an Advent candle, please call the church office and let us know.

We have a black leather jacket in the office. It has a "Doncaster" label in it. Please stop by the office to claim your jacket. Thank you.

Save the Date: for our annual CareNet concert on 12/3 in the Sanctuary at 3 pm. Our Music Director, Frank Armato will be playing along with Linda Sterrett (handbells), Dan Williamson (trumpet), and Barry Clinton/Sharon Taylor (singing and guitar).

Weekly Offering	11/12/23	Weekly Needs
\$	3,565.00	\$ 3,486.00
YTD Totals		YTD Needs
\$	149,882.60	\$ 160,356.00

First Presbyterian Church

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25th Sunday after Pentecost

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