



Worship of Almighty God

Founders' Day Commemoration

November 23, 2025

****Those who are able, please stand.***

10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! It is good when the people of God gather for worship, praise, prayer, and mutual support. Whether you are here for the very first time today, or you are a 50+ year member, or your FPC tenure is anywhere in between, may the Lord bless you with encouragement, peace, and the hospitality of the people of God. *Please note your presence and provide contact information in the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet. Then return it back to the first person.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

From the Diary of the Rev. Joseph Badger: Warren-Nov. 18, 1803: Six persons met together for the purpose of conferring together on the subject of uniting together in the covenant of relations of a Church of Christ. After prayer to Almighty God for direction, an examination was had of all Gospels and the evidences of their Christian hope. Having obtained satisfaction of each other as to their agreement in doctrine and the evidences of their Christian hope, it was agreed to adjourn till tomorrow and after sermon to adopt a Confession of Faith to which they had attended and to unite in church covenant.

Saturday, Nov. 19, 1803: Constituted a small church in Warren with the following persons by name: Elder William Prior and Betsey his wife, Thomas Ross and Rosalinda his wife, Sarah Davis, and Sarah Lane: after which Rev. Tait preached.

PRELUDE

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Alrod/Elvey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Please remain seated) *based upon Isaiah 43*

Leader: I was glad when they said, let us go up into the house of the Lord.

All: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

Leader: Behold, says the Lord, I am doing a new thing.

All: Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

***OPENING HYMN**

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 634

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (Worship Leader)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison) *based upon Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me, and I shall be clean. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation...

***KYRIE** “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Lay Reader and In Unison)

Leader: Friends, put your trust in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER** No. 581

GENEROSITY MOMENT Marissa Welke

GOD’S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Holy God, Your divine truth outlasts all the generations.

Your perfect Word enlightens all the generations.

Enliven our minds and our souls, Lord, as we are gathered today around what You would have us to hear, and to believe, and to do. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 3: 14-21

ANTHEM “I Know the Plans” Berry

HEBREW TESTAMENT READING Joshua 4: 1-7

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***PROFESSING THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH** *from the A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ.

We trust in God, Whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit.

**God 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 Lord rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**The Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all
peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and
culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**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.**

50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION

***HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 39

LITANY OF GOD’S PEOPLE *(Responsive)*

Call and response: We give You thanks, O God.

**Unison prayer: Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which You
have led us. Open us to the future You promise. In the years that
lie ahead, grant us encouragement in the work of ministry, Your
consolation in our defeats, and Your challenge to our complacency.
Give us such trust in Your abiding Holy Spirit, so that we may find
joy and peace in our common life, strength and courage to live in
the world for Your reign, and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Jesus, Lord to Me” arr. Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

***THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(Pastor)*

...“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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE AND SERVE

***HYMN** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” No. 367

***INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

***A CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION** “Amen”

***WE SHARE A SIGN OF JESUS’ PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

If you are comfortable doing so, please exchange this blessing with several of the people around you.

***POSTLUDE** “Now Thank We All Our God” Cruger

FOUNDERS’ DAY DINNER Fellowship Hall

Those who ordered carry-out, please use the door to the left of the chancel to enter Fellowship Hall. If you chose to dine here, use the door on the right to enter Fellowship Hall.

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***



THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are dedicated to the **Glory of God** and in honor of **Founders' Day**.

50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION: If you are a 50-year member, please come to the front of the Church after worship for our annual picture.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **bar soap, toilet paper, and tuna** for the month of **November**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is dedicated this morning to the Glory of God and in memory of **Catherine B. Hope and Anna Rose Serbin** by **Rick and Dotty Hope**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check.

THE ANNUAL LOVE TREE: This effort, in cooperation with Willard K-8 School, seeks to aid needy students as identified by their teachers. Browse the tags on the tree that detail info on the student and their needs and interests for gift buying. If you select a child's tag, please fill out the second tag attached with your info, drop the tag in the basket nearby, and take a large plastic bag in which to return your purchases. Gifts must be returned to FPC by **Sunday, December 14**. Thanks for your kindness and generosity!

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, 2025**, in observance of Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

SAVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, December 7**, we will have an Advent gathering in Fellowship Hall after worship. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: Join us tomorrow, November 24. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, provided by the Advent Committee, before we decorate the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING: Today's AGG Spotlight is on **Second Harvest Food Bank**. In spite of mounting challenges, the Second Harvest Food Bank continues to distribute food to the needy in the tri-county area. Recent years have been particularly difficult. The number of residents needing assistance is always increasing; food deserts are multiplying; donations to school pantries have skyrocketed. Due to this, Second Harvest has had to spend 200% more on food to fill its shelves. As you are enjoying your Thanksgiving feast, think of these numbers from 2024: Second Harvest distributed 10.6 million pounds of food, filled over 960,000 requests for food assistance, and provided over eight million total meals; and still the need increases. Of those served, 28% were children and 26% were senior citizens. Because of inflation, they can now only distribute up to five meals for every \$1 donated. FPC is a beneficiary of this mission for our monthly community lunch program. The need is real! *For I was hungry, and You gave me food...* (Matthew 25:35)

Other participating organizations include Animal Welfare League, FPC Wish List – ACTS Fund, Free Indeed Ministry, Pink Lights the Way, and Water for the People. Remember to make out your check to First Presbyterian Church (put AGG on the memo line) and to include your order blank with the name(s) of your designated charity(ies). You can drop your donation into the offering plate or mail it to the FPC office. Alternative Gift-Giving will continue through Dec. 15.

HOLIDAY SHIRTS: The Church Growth Committee is taking orders for FPC Christmas shirts. See the insert for details. Today is the deadline for orders. Let's share the light of Christmas!

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will discuss Lesson 3 in "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity" on **Thursday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Parlor. Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. Dessert will be provided.

FPC CRAFTERS will meet on **Wednesday, November 5**, at 10:00 a.m. in Badger Hall. All are welcome to join us.



Online giving can be done with your phone using the QR code on the left or use the pew card.

PASTOR:
 DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:
 DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
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 VIDEO PROJECTION:

Rev. Greg Gillispie
Melanie A. Vlad
Marissa Welke
Susan Nadenichek
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Nov. 23	- Founders' Day - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Founders' Day Dinner, FH or Take-out 11:15 am
Mon, Nov. 24	- OA, P..... 10:00 am - Decorate the Church, FH 5:30 pm - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - AA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Tues, Nov. 25	- Al-Anon, B..... 8:30 am - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm - Session Meeting, FH 7:00 pm
Wed, Nov. 26	- Someplace Safe, B 5:00 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm
Thur, Nov. 27	- HAPPY THANKSGIVING / Church Office Closed
Fri, Nov. 28	- Church Office Closed
Sat, Nov. 29	- AA, MC..... 11:00 am
Sun, Nov. 30	- 1st Sunday of Advent - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Bell Choir 11:15 am
FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom	