



Service For The Lord's Day

September 20, 2026

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

10:00 A.M.

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Merciful God, thank You for keeping me in the safety of Your arms and for new mercies and the glory You show throughout the weeks.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*"Songs Without Words"
(Venetian Boat Song No. 1)*

Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: Call on God with praise and thanksgiving. Tell of God's wonderful works.

**All: Today we open ourselves to God's presence.
Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.**

Leader: When we eat, we are reminded of God's provision.
When we drink water, we give thanks.

**All: Surely God has blessed us with food and drink.
Daily we are strengthened for tasks we face.**

Leader: We are guided by God's laws. We benefit from God's generosity.

**All: Let all the people worship with joy!
Let all whom God has chosen sing together!**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Worship Leader)*

***OPENING HYMN**

“I Come with Joy”
Verses 1, 2, 4, and 5

No. 515

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

(Worship Leader)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(In Unison)

O God, we are people of the flesh more than people of the spirit. Our lives are not worthy of the gospel of Christ. We admit our resentment when some people we deem unworthy benefit from Your generosity. We confess our lack of attention to Your laws, Your Word, Your Spirit. You alone are our salvation, our healing, our opportunity to serve. We long to belong to You. Accept and change us, we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE**

“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Worship Leader 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

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, Whose attention to all Your children amazes and surprises us, help us this day to hear Your call to us, to accept Your direction, and to follow Your commands that the world may become more faithful to You. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

ANTHEM

“Sing for Joy”

Handel/Spévacek

SECOND READING

Matthew 20:1-16

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“Harvesting Perspective”

Marissa Robbins

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith

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; 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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

***HYMN**

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

No. 722

WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**“Songs Without Words”
(*Venetian Boat Song No. 2*)**

Mendelssohn

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 606

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (*In Unison*)

Receive our tithes and offering to Your honor and glory, loving God. May fruitful results occur through and beyond our sharing. Call us all into the vineyard of meaningful labor and constructive leisure, so that Your Word, living through us, may call our neighbors to joyous reunion with You. May we help one another to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Go to the World!”

No. 295

***A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen”

***WE SHARE A SIGN OF JESUS' PEACE**

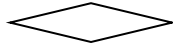
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: **And also with you.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Songs Without Words”
(*Tarantella*)

Mendelssohn



THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of **Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Roberts** by **M.A. Vlad**.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **small laundry detergent, shampoo, and dish soap** for the month of **September**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded by **the General Fund**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk977.com. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: September 16–October 28, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Join us in the Parlor each Wednesday evening for an entertaining and thought-provoking Bible study inspired by the beloved *Andy Griffith* and *Mayberry R.F.D.* television programs. Each evening, we will explore lessons and values that connect the simple wisdom of Mayberry with our lives of faith. Topics will include service, peace, commitment, accountability, courage, temptation, and more. This eight-program series gives you plenty of opportunities to join us. Come for one, a few, or all eight programs! Sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES: Our first speaker will be Dominic Mararri, Director of Public Relations from the Warren Family Mission. Mark your calendar and join us on **Sunday, October 4, at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor.**

THE SPIRE DEADLINE is **Tuesday, September 22**. Please send articles and pictures to the Church Office at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Exploring the Parables of Jesus. We began this journey during our Adult Vacation Bible Study with four better-known parables. Now, we will explore some of Jesus' less familiar stories and consider what they have to teach us today. A parable is a story about a simple, familiar subject that Jesus used to illustrate a deeper and more meaningful spiritual truth. Together, we will discuss these stories, share our interpretations, and consider how Jesus' teachings speak to our lives today. Join us next **Sunday at 9:00 a.m., in the Parlor** for thoughtful conversation, new insights, and a deeper look at the stories Jesus taught.

WOMEN OF FPC MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are thrilled to announce that the **Aspire Women's Event** will be held again this year on **Sunday, October 18**, in Hermitage, PA. We will **meet at the church at 2:30 p.m.**, travel to Hermitage, and enjoy lunch before the event begins at 5:00 p.m. Your cost is \$15.00, with the balance of the ticket price covered by the Christian Education Committee. Those who attended last year's event cannot say enough about what a great experience it was. **Sign up in Fellowship Hall by October 5.**

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: The churches of Eastminster Presbytery have been invited to participate in our second Mission Service Project of 2026 at the Warren Family Mission. Our task on **October 17** will be preparing for the Mission's annual coat giveaway. Participants are asked to arrive between **9:30 and 9:45** that Saturday morning. Lunch is included, and the project should wrap up about **1:00 p.m.** **Please sign up in Fellowship Hall by October 5.** This is a wonderful opportunity for our Church to support the mission work of Eastminster Presbytery right in our own backyard!



DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
 DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:
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 RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:
 VIDEO PROJECTION:

Marissa Robbins
Melanie A. Vlad
Brian Annandono
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Sept. 20	- Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am
	- CE Bible Study, P 9:00 am
	- Worship 10:00 am
	- Urban Tap Lunch 11:15 am
Mon, Sept. 21	- OA, P 10:00 am
	- Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm
	- Deacons' Meeting, FH 4:00 pm
	- AA, MC 7:00 pm
Tues, Sept. 22	- SPIRE Deadline
	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am
	- NA, MC 7:00 pm
Wed, Sept. 23	- Someplace Safe, B 5:00 pm
	- CE Bible Study, FH 5:30 pm
	- AA, MC 6:30 pm
Thurs, Sept. 24	- Care Share Circle, P 2:00 pm
Fri, Sept. 25	- Church Office Closed
Sat, Sept. 26	- AA, MC 11:00 am
Sun, Sept. 27	- Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am
	- CE Bible Study, P 9:00 am
	- Worship 10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B 10:15 am

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom