Service For The Lord's Day

Reign of Christ Sunday/Founders' Day

November 22, 2026 ***Please stand in body or spirit.*** **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

Reigning God, Whose presence reassures us in times of uncertainty, we pray for wisdom and courage to discern Your purposes in every time and place. Help us to stand for the best we know. Keep us from being led astray by competing voices that compromise Your intentions for us and all people. As we celebrate the past and look toward the future, may we seek to be the church of Jesus Christ in all we do in the present. Amen.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
All: We come into God's presence with singing.
Leader: Know that the Lord is God; it is God Who made us, and we are God's.
All: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.
Leader: Enter the gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise.
All: We give thanks and bless God's holy name.

***SONG OF PRAISE** "We Gather Together" No. 336

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Worship Leader)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

God of wisdom and grace,
we thank You for our founders whose vision, courage, and service helped establish this congregation.
We confess that we have not always honored their hopes.
We have sometimes chosen comfort over courage,
self-interest over service, and division over understanding.
Forgive us for the ways we have failed one another
and neglected those in need.
Help us learn from the past without pretending it was perfect.
Give us humility to acknowledge harm,
courage to make things right,
compassion to welcome and care for all,
and unconditional love overall.
Holy God, please give us the eyes to see each other and ourselves as You see each of us.
Give us the strength, courage, and tenacity
to carry forward what is good,
renew what has grown tired,
and build Your kingdom --
marked by justice, generosity, and peace.
Guide us in the work ahead. Amen.

KYRIE "Lord, Have Mercy upon Us"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive)*

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.
Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation,
the old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
All: We praise God. Amen! Alleluia.

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of God through Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

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

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Lord, open our eyes that we may see You;
open our ears that we may hear You;
and open our hearts that we may love You.
On this Founders' Day, illuminate the path You have set before us.
May the faith of those who came before us
ignite a fresh fire within us today.
Guide us in Your truth and lead us in Your light,
now and forever. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 100

ANTHEM "Simple Gifts" Merman/Coates

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE Marissa Robbins

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

SUNDAY MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Leslie Traylor

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***DECLARATION OF FAITH** *(from "The Church's Foundational Principles for Governance")*

The church is called to be Christ's faithful evangelist:
going into the world, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all He has commanded;
demonstrating by the love of its members for one another and by the quality of its common life the new reality in Christ;
sharing in worship, fellowship, and nurture, practicing a deepened life of prayer and service under the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
participating in God's activity in the world through its life for others by:
•healing and reconciling and binding up wounds,
•ministering to the needs of the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the powerless,

•engaging in the struggle to free people from sin, fear, oppression, hunger, and injustice,
•giving itself and its substance to the service of those who suffer, and
•sharing with Christ in the establishing of his just, peaceable, and loving rule in the world.

***HYMN** "A River Flows Through Time" Insert

PASTORAL PRAYER/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen."

OFFERING

Generosity And Stewardship Message Mary Kilpatrick, Janet Williams

Musical Offering "Praise God, Praise Him" *FPC Bell Choir*

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

***Prayer Of Dedication** *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, thank You for those whose faith and service
laid the foundation for our church.
Please use these gifts and our lives
to serve others and to continue
the work and vision of our founders.
In Jesus Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***SONG OF SENDING** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" No. 757

***A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Amen"

***POSTLUDE** "We Gather Together" arr. Hayes



THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are dedicated to the **Glory of God** and in loving memory of **loved ones by Cindy Athya and Marjorie Walker.**

RADIO MINISTRY is funded by **Rick and Dottie Hope** in memory of **Catherine Hope and Anna Serbin.** 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Advent 9:00 a.m. study is focusing on "When God Comes Down" by James Harnish. Join us as we explore the lives of the people who witnessed the miracle of the Incarnation.

THE NO LIMITS YOUNG ADULT ADVENT STUDY will gather to explore "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" by Richard B. Wilke. Join us on **December 4, 11, 18, and 21, at 6:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Fellowship Hall and grow in faith with us!

ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING: ***What if one gift on your Christmas list could help fill a neighbor's grocery bag?*** Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley supplies food to church pantries, shelters, and other hunger-relief programs across Trumbull, Mahoning, and Columbiana counties. That work reaches right here to First Presbyterian, where our monthly grocery distribution depends on food from Second Harvest to help stock our neighbors' cupboards. When you choose Second Harvest through AGG, you help put food on the table for families right here in our community. *Give to Second Harvest and help put Christmas dinner on a neighbor's table!*

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED – The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, November 26,** and **Friday, November 27, 2026**, in observance of Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

50-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION: After worship, please come to the front of the Sanctuary for a group picture.

DECORATING THE CHURCH: Join us tomorrow, November 23. 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.

FPC CRAFTERS will meet on **Wednesday, December 2**, at 10:00 a.m. in Badger Hall. All are welcome to join us.

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will discuss Lesson 4 in "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other" on **Thursday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Parlor. Lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. Dessert will be provided.

THE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will meet on **Friday, December 4, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Parlor. In grief support groups, stories are shared; coping strategies are discussed, and healing can take place. Come and share; come and learn; come and heal.

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 pink tag attached with your info and place that tag in the basket nearby; then take a large plastic bag in which to return your purchases. Do your shopping, wrap the gifts, and return them to FPC in the plastic bag with the tag securely attached by **Sunday, December 13**. Thanks for your kindness and generosity!

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 **November.** You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

PASTOR:	***Rev. Dr. Leslie Traylor***
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:	***Marissa Robbins***
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:	***Melanie Vlad***
LAY READER:	***Brian Annandono***
RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:	***Alexis Musgrove***
VIDEO PROJECTION:	***Bob Stahl***

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Nov. 22	**- Founders' Day**
	- Choir Rehearsal ..... 8:30 am
	- Advent Bible Study, P..... 9:00 am
	- Worship..... 10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am
	- Bell Practice..... 11:15 am
	- Founders' Day Dinner, FH..... 11:15 am
Mon, Nov. 23	- OA, P ..... 10:00 am
	- Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm
	- Decorate the Church, FH ..... 5:30 pm
	- AA, MC ..... 7:00 pm
Tues, Nov. 24	- Al-Anon, B..... 9:00 am
	- Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm
	- NA, MC ..... 7:00 pm
Wed, Nov. 25	**-** Someplace Safe, B ..... 5:00 pm
	- AA, MC ..... 6:30 pm
Thurs, Nov. 26	**- Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed**
Fri, Nov. 27	**- Church Office Closed**
Sat, Nov. 28	**-** AA, MC ..... 11:00 am
Sun, Nov. 29	- **First Sunday of Advent**
	- Choir Rehearsal ..... 8:30 am
	- Advent Bible Study, P..... 9:00 am
	- Worship..... 10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am
	- FPC History Presentation, FH..... 11:15 am

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