



# Service For The Lord's Day

*Founders' Day*

**November 19, 2023**      *\*Those who are able, please stand.*      **10:00 A.M. Worship**

**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.*

## **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

**All: And also with you.**

### **PRELUDE**

"Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. Hayes

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Responsive)*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her; she will not fail. God will help her at the break of day.

**All: As the day breaks on the gift of 220 years of ministry in God's city of Warren, let us, as the body of Christ, rejoice, celebrate, and know that the Lord Almighty is with us. Let us worship the Lord together.**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(In Unison)*

Almighty and all-powerful God, we come to celebrate the past 220 years this Founders' Day. We come to give thanks for Your steadfast presence, faithfulness, and love. We come to worship You. Move within us and through us to bless us with continued life and growth and new possibilities for Your imagination to take root. In the name of Jesus, Who reigns as king and lord of our lives. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 367

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Lay Reader)*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

O God of salvation, we confess that we have tried to live apart from You. Our daily habits deny Your reality. We work without always giving our best and seeking Your will. We compete with others without valuing them as Your children or realizing we are one family founded to honor You. Forgive our misplaced trust, our hesitation to take the risks of caring witness, and our failure to empathize with others. Restore our connections with all from whom we are separated. Amen.

**\*KYRIE** No. 574

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader)*

**\*GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

**50-YEAR MEMBERS' RECOGNITION** Mary Chuirazzi

**GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** *(In Unison)*

Open our eyes, ears, and hearts, dear Lord, so that as Your Word is read and proclaimed, our saltiness for the Gospel is renewed and our light in the world is made brighter. Amen.

**FIRST READING** I Kings 17:1-6

**ANTHEM** "O, Give Thanks" Martin

**SECOND READING** Luke 12:22-34

**SERMON**

“The Cause of the One Who Feeds the Ravens”

Rev. Barry Chance

**GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*excerpt from the Westminster Confession of Faith*

**It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and humankind, the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of His Church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom He did, from all eternity, give a people to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

**PREPARATION FOR PRAYER “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

arr. Cota

*FPC Bell Ensemble*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**HYMN**

“Let the Words of My Mouth”

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**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.”**

**STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY MESSAGE**

Brian Annandono

**OFFERTORY**

“Give Thanks”

arr. Cota

*FPC Bell Ensemble*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

**\*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *(In Unison)***

Brian Annandono

**We rejoice, O God, and give thanks for the joy we find in being with You and this church family. We want to share the joy, to proclaim Your Word among all of our neighbors, to work diligently and enthusiastically for a world where Your love reigns and protects from evil. Bless these gifts, pledge cards, and all of our offerings. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“A River Runs Through Time”

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**GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**                      “A Charge to Keep We Have”

**POSTLUDE**                      “Now Thank We All Our God”                      arr. Hudson

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



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

**PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME to Rev. Barry Chance**, today's guest pastor. Barry is the Eastminster General Presbyter.

**THE DEACONS** would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **toilet paper, Kleenex, brownie mix, and frosting** 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 Hope and Anna Rose Serbin** by **Rick and Dotty Hope**. The 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 box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs \$125.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

**THE SPIRE DEADLINE** is **tomorrow, November 20**, due to the holiday. Please send your articles and pictures to Kathie at [kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org](mailto:kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org). Thank you.

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:** The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, 2023**, in observance of Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful holiday weekend.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE AND DECORATING THE CHURCH:** Come for worship at 10:00 a.m. on **Sunday, November 26**, and see how the decorations in our Sanctuary help us to prepare for Jesus. Then stay after to help with decorating the Sanctuary and other areas. Lunch will be provided.

**ADVENT STUDY:** Join us for the last Advent Study, “Christmas in John’s Home,” on **Friday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. We will eat followed by study and discussion. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so we know how much food to buy.

**THE LOVE TREE** is once again filled with the needs of Willard School children grades 3-5. Please choose one or more tags from our tree and return the gifts in the clear bag provided by **Sunday, December 17.**

**Today’s AGG SPOTLIGHT** is on the **Animal Welfare League (AWL)**. There has always been a proliferation of TV ads and news accounts of mistreatment of animals. To combat this, the AWL was founded in 1969 to “protect the unwanted, neglected, abandoned, sick, injured, and abused animals of Trumbull County.” In 2022 alone, there was a 61% increase of animal intakes and a 150% increase in humane cases. For 2023, the intakes have increased 77%, and the rescues have tripled. On a brighter note, there were 1,040 adoptions, including Pomegranate, a bearded dragon who was rescued from deplorable conditions. Also in 2022, there were 15 successful prosecutions for animal abuse and/or neglect, with charges pending on 34 cases. Donations are at a critical low, and help is needed! You can help our furry and winged friends by donating to the AWL. *“The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”* (Mahatma Gandhi)

Alternative Gift-Giving will continue through **Monday, Dec. 18.** The other participating organizations include FPC Wish List – Stained-Glass Windows Project, Free Indeed Ministries, GLOW (Girls Leading Our World), Second Harvest Food Bank, and Water for the People. Remember to make out your checks 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. Thank you!



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

GUEST PASTOR:  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:  
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:  
LAY READER:  
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VIDEO PROJECTION:

*Rev. Barry Chance  
Melanie A. Vlad  
Marissa Welke  
Brian Annandonno  
Gary Wireman  
Bob Stahl*

## WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Nov. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Founders' Day/Love Tree</b></li> <li>- <b>Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Worship..... 10:00 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Sunday School ..... 10:15 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Founders' Day Dinner ..... 11:15 am</b></li> </ul>
Mon, Nov. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>SPIRE Deadline</b></li> <li>- OA, P..... 10:00 am</li> <li>- Girl Scouts, B .....5:30 pm</li> <li>- AA, MC.....7:00 pm</li> </ul>
Tues, Nov. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Al-Anon, MC .....9:30 am</li> <li>- <b>Community Lunch and Grocery Distribution..... 11:00 am</b></li> <li>- Girl Scouts, FH .....5:00 pm</li> <li>- NA, MC.....7:00 pm</li> </ul>
Wed, Nov. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AA, MC.....6:30 pm</li> </ul>
Thur, Nov. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Thanksgiving/Church Office Closed</b></li> <li>- <b>Wright Family, FH..... 12:00 pm</b></li> </ul>
Fri, Nov. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Church Office Closed</b></li> </ul>
Sat, Nov. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AA, MC..... 11:00 am</li> </ul>
Sun, Nov. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hanging of the Greens</b></li> <li>- <b>Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Worship..... 10:00 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Sunday School ..... 10:15 am</b></li> <li>- <b>Decorate the Church/Lunch..... 11:15 am</b></li> </ul>

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



## **A River Flows Through Time**

Sung to the tune “This Is My Father’s World”

A river flows through time; it made the people glad.  
Who gathered here beside its stream, with thanks for all they had.  
They praised the Lord on high, Who brought them to this place.  
Their faith continues in the Son, for we now know His grace.

A river flows through time for these two hundred years,  
And we today do praise the Lord, Who frees us from our fears.  
Baptized into His church, we feast on bread and wine.  
Our faith continues in the Son, and love shall be our sign.

A river flows through time into a world unknown.  
Yet God, Whose mercy never fails, shall be the Lord alone.  
Let faithful people come to serve in ways untold;  
May faith continue in the Son, as mysteries unfold.