



Service For The Lord's Day

October 18, 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

Grant us this day, O God, not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts that can make us feel that You are not near. Give us the chance to sit at Your feet, so that we may feel Your presence. Prepare us as we journey to worship and obey. Amen.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: Come take off your shoes,

All: **for where we stand is holy ground.**

Leader: Come love your neighbor and do good to all around you,

All: **for where we stand is holy ground.**

Leader: Come and respect this place,

All: **for where we stand is holy ground.**

Love all that God gave us,

for we are all standing on holy ground.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

"The Lord Is God"

No. 63

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Worship Leader)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

**Redeeming God,
from the flames of Your creation, Your voice calls, marking us as Your own.
Yet there are times
when we choose to ignore Your voice
and listen instead to our own needs and desires.
Forgive us for ignoring the needs of others,
for failing to place our feet upon Your path,
for allowing other voices to distract us from Your call.
(Silent pause for personal reflection)
Loving Lord, in Your forgiveness,
You offer again Your invitation
to know Your love, to be loved,
and to respond to Your call.
In hearing Your voice,
may we find our place within Your creation.
AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Worship Leader and In Unison)*

Leader: In Jesus Christ, your sins have been forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***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)*

**Almighty God,
in You are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
Open our eyes, so that we may see the wonders of Your Word;
give us grace, so that we may clearly understand
and freely choose the way of Your wisdom;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

ANTHEM

“Be Still Jordan”

Althouse

SECOND READING

Exodus 3:1-15

SUNDAY MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Leslie Traylor

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***DECLARATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

***HYMN**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 12

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.”

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Wayfaring Stranger”

Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(In Unison)*

In gratitude for Your amazing works,
we offer our gifts to further Your work, Holy One.
Bless us, so that we may be a blessing of Your holy work.
Guide our steps and bless the offerings we bring,
so that the world may be touched by Your holy love. Amen.

***SONG OF SENDING** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

No. 546

*A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Amen”

***POSTLUDE** “Marching to Zion” Hayes

THE NURSERY is located at the end of the hall on the left and is available for infants to 4-year-olds.

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 **October**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded by **Marjorie Danganan**. 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.

THE SPIRE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Thursday, October 22. Please send your articles and pictures to Kathie at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org. Thank you.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Exploring the Parables of Jesus. 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 **Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor**.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING: Although the calendar still has a few pages to turn before December and the weather certainly still feels like summer, the Alternative Gift-Giving Committee has already been busy making plans for this year’s event. We are excited to announce that our “Kickoff” Reception is planned for **November 1**, as we begin another year of a wonderful tradition that the First Presbyterian Church has shared for more than 30 years. As you begin thinking about your holiday shopping lists, consider supporting the nonprofit organizations that will be part of AGG 2026. Your gifts make a difference and help us continue this meaningful tradition of giving to others during the holiday season. *Let’s make this year’s Alternative Gift-Giving another Joyful Season of Giving.*

MAYBERRY BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Wednesday evening through **October 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**, 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. Come for one, a few, or all! Sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Grief, what it is and what it isn't: grief IS a journey that begins when you experience a significant loss (significant is defined by the person). The loss is usually defined as the loss of a person but could be the loss of a pet, job, friendship, health, or many other changes in our lives that carry a variety of emotions. Grief is NOT just sadness that eventually goes away. Grief is both a time of sadness and a journey of multi-faceted emotions, thoughts, and spiritual turmoil. A grief support group helps you understand your journey – the emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical challenges – and offers ways to navigate and live with the ups and downs of grief.

Grief is a journey that we don't ask to take and one that does not end, but grief can get better with time. 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. Our grief support group is facilitated by Mary Ann Bromley, who facilitated groups and observed the healing of many participants in her tenure as chaplain at Ohio Living Lake Vista. Meetings will be held on the **first and third Fridays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

GHOST WALK: FPC will be ground zero for the 2026 Ghost Walk, which will be held **October 23 and 24, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 12 and under. Tours leave every 15 minutes. Bring your family and friends for this educational and entertaining event.

DON'T FORGET... Jigsaw puzzles are available on the bookshelf in Fellowship Hall. Take one; complete it; return it; borrow another. Enjoy!

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

Rev. Dr. Leslie Traylor
Marissa Robbins
Melanie Vlad
Lynn Griffith III
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Oct. 18	- Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Bible Study, P 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am - Bell Practice 11:15 am - Aspire Women's Event, Hermitage 2:30 pm
Mon, Oct. 19	- OA, P..... 10:00 am - Deacons' Meeting, P..... 4:00 pm - Chickadee Workshop, FH 4:45 pm - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - BGA Meeting, P..... 6:30 pm - AA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Tues, Oct. 20	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am - Free Lunch and Grocery Distribution, FH..... 10:30 am - Finance Meeting, P..... 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, FH 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Wed, Oct. 21	- Crossroads Bereavement Group, P 1:00 pm - Bible Study, FH 5:30 pm - Relay for Life, B 5:30 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm
Fri, Oct. 23	- Church Office Closed - Ghost Walk 4:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 24	- AA, MC..... 11:00 am - Ghost Walk 4:30 pm
Sun, Oct. 25	- Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Bible Study, P 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am - Bell Practice 11:15 am

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