

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 19, 2023**  
**10:25 AM**

HYMN SING

Mary Jo Cox, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

David Stevens

Infinite God, who fills the universe with your presence and dwells in every human heart:  
As music fills this place, so may compassion and harmonies of hope accent our lives. With  
grateful hearts and renewed minds, may we celebrate and realize your peaceable realm.  
Amen.

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

INTROIT

*Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness*

John Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless God for the good land we have been given.  
Praise God who crowns the year with abundance.

**All: We are thankful for the bounty we have enjoyed.  
God has been good to us through another year.**

One: God chooses to love and draw us near.  
God invites us to enjoy the good all around us.

**All: We are grateful for food, shelter, and family.  
God enriches our lives with many opportunities.**

One: Let us renew our vows to God in this hour.  
May Thanksgiving overflow with acts of kindness.

**All: We are here to remember and find renewal.  
We have come to listen to God's Word.**

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

\*CALL TO CONFESSION  
(Silent Confession)

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of remembrance, do not forget your mercy. Remind us of your desire for us to share the fullness of life with all your children. We forget those who deserve our gratitude. We take our friendships too much for granted. We too often don't remember the right gesture until it is too late. Make us thankful and generous with all that has been given us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation. Inspire us that we may rightly remember the past by building a legacy of hope for those who follow us, that they also may know the goodness of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*RESPONSE No. 71

*Surely, It is God Who Saves Me*  
**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust and not be afraid.**  
**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and God will be my Savior.**  
*(sing twice)*

CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

**Congregation: May the Lord go with you as you  
worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you  
worship here.

**Congregation: Go in peace.**

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

*During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Give Thanks to the Lord*

Mark Patterson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!"

Rev. Jean Winther

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Companion of the lonely, Binder of wounds, Seeker of lost souls, Friend of the poor,  
Source of all that is, Forgiver of sins, Voice of the voiceless, Counselor of the confused,  
Shelter from the storm, Creator of heaven and earth, We in our ways are grateful and  
worship you. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 468

*In My Life*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(If you have a prayer of concern or joy, please text 989-954-3297.)*

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 647 *Give Thanks*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (repeat)  
And now let the weak say 'I am strong,' let the poor say 'I am rich,'  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)  
Give thanks, give thanks.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

John Barr

\*NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS, SO GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Notes:

\*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; David Stevens; The Chancel Choir; Jean Winther

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Bob Hand, Jan Ackerman (Sheri Loubert's friend), Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Dana Hendershot (Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Frist Presbyterian, Kinde, MI, Christian Reformed Church in East Africa, and Ronald McDonald House Pull Tabs.

### Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, [www@fpcmp.org](http://www@fpcmp.org) and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Please join us for a time of fellowship after worship in the Witherspoon Room.

## **Peanut Butter**

The food pantry of Community Compassion Network needs peanut butter. Please bring it to the church and we will make sure it is taken to the Strickler Center and given to the food pantry.

## **Restore the Glory**

Sanctuary Ceiling Repair, Painting, & Light Replacement

The repair, painting and light replacement for our sanctuary ceiling will begin shortly after Easter in 2024. We scheduled the work so that we will have experienced all types of seasonal weather, making sure our new roof is doing its job!

Please help us restore the sanctuary ceiling to its original glory. We need \$20,000 to cover the costs of the ceiling repair, painting, and lighting improvements, a small contingency fund for unforeseen problems, and a tithe for Presbyterian Outreach Ministries. As you know, this project is much needed and has been anticipated for a long time.

A more detailed fact sheet is available in the church Narthex. Please direct any questions to Kevin Love, Chair of the House & Grounds Team, a member of Session, or Pastor Andrew.

## **Save the Dates:**

November 19 Decorate the church building for Advent and Christmas

November 19 Community Festival Chorus Concert in the Sanctuary

December 14 Christmas Caroling to the Homebound

December 17 Children Christmas Pageant

December 24 Christmas Eve Worship Service

## **Christmas Outreach**

Christmas Outreach will be held on December 15 and 16 at Morey Courts. Setup will be December 13 and 14. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information. Sign-up sheets are available for helping to set up and helping with distribution on the days. First Presbyterian Church collects hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. We really need adult sizes the most. Thank you for your support!

## **Who Is God Calling Us to Be?**

There is a group within the life of church that is beginning to pray, to listen, to discern, and actively wait to see who God is calling us to be as a community of faith, as the body of Christ, as the church. Please pray for Barb Grajek, David Stevens, Linnet Stevens, Tim Fitzgerald, Jean Winther, Zach Russell, and Nancy Enders as they head up this task group. If you have questions, please feel free to speak to one of the people on the task group or Pastor Andrew.