

Growing the Beloved Community



We actively engage society to nurture lives, cherish creation, and heal the world



November 24, 2024

"Pilate's Fifth Question"
John 18:33-38

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

TODAY

- •8:30-9:30am MorningSong-Pope Hall
- •8:15-12:15pm Childcare available-Youth room
- •8:30-9:30am **Children's Program**—3rd floor Youth room. This weekend, we focus on the teachings of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 as we prepare to give thanks this week for all of our blessings, realized or unrealized.
- •9:45-10:45am **Adult Education**—McFarland Chapel, This Sunday the election conversation continues with David Solem, Jungian Therapist and psychoanalyst.
- •11:00am Worship Sanctuary

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Parking Availability

- *County building (FPC parking pass only)
- *Convention Center (PAID parking only)
- *Street Parking (free on Sundays)

THIS WEEK

Wednesday

- •7:30am Morning prayer and Coffee McFarland Chapel
- •5:30pm **Celtic Evensong Worship**—Sanctuary or via Zoom

Friday

- •11:00am Friday Bible Study— on Hiatus until Dec 6th Rendon or via Zoom
- •5:30pm **TGIF Concert**—Sanctuary, David Solem, piano

NEXT WEEK

•5:30pm **TGIF Concert**– Sanctuary, First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir

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Hearing impaired

*Sanctuary is set up with a T-coil operation

Calling all Rainbow Makers! IT'S OUR TURN NOW!

Help our children color in more and more of the rainbow with your pledge to support the ministry and mission of the church. So far we have received \$317,000.00 that's 70% of our goal!

Pledge packets are available in the lobby, or you can download <u>Stewardship 2025 packet</u> and <u>pledge online</u>. You may return it by mail or drop it off at the church. The sooner you pledge the better it is for Session to plan for 2025. Thank you for prayerfully considering your pledge!

How high can we go? How big a rainbow can we make together? God bless all of our future rainbow makers.

Join Linda Raney in the sanctuary, 5-5:30pm, December 4, 11, 18, to sing our way through the season using our hymnal and perhaps even a few secular favorites as well. All ages welcomed and encouraged to celebrate the season together! Stay for the Celtic Service at 5:30 or retire to the lobby for hot chocolate and cookies which will be available before AND after.

PRELUDE Variations on Westminster Abbey

Richard Proulx

Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts WELCOME

‡CALL TO WORSHIP Let's gather together in the presence of our God. (**bold** in unison) Let's bring our songs of praise and our prayers of (inspired by Psalm thanksgiving.

Ellery Truesdell

132:8-9) Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.

Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary, You, and the ark of Your strength. Clothe us in justice and faithfulness, and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.

‡HYMN 270 Let's worship God together!

OPENING PRAYER O Lord, You Are My God and King

(please be seated)

While there are many with power in our world - power to hurt us, power to hire or fire us, power to control us - only God has the power to forgive us and make us new people. Let us confess how we fear the power of the world, and welcome the power of God's grace.

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life.

Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior.

--Silence is kept--

Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.

God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 18:33-38

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

‡please stand as you are able

ANTHEM O Be Joyful **Howard Helvey REFLECTION "Pilate's Fifth Question"** Rev. Harry Eberts FAITH RESPONSE Glory to God Hymnal, section 3, pp. 37-38 **‡HYMN 274** You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd Malcolm Archer **OFFERING AND Song of Thanksgiving OFFERTORY ‡DOXOLOGY 607** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Sing words that are meaningful to you **‡PRAYER OF** As we offer our gifts in this moment to you, Holy God, we **DEDICATION** pray that they might be used to bring hope, to bring healing, Thom M. Shuman to bring new life to all your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE PRAYER CANDLES** Come Thou Almighty King Felice de Giardini **LORD'S PRAYER** arr. Stan Pethel **ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS PASSING OF PEACE**

‡HYMN 264 At the Name of Jesus

‡BLESSING In body, mind, and spirit, may you be well this day.

And may you be strong for the work of healing in the world.

‡BENEDICTION Rev. Harry Eberts

Postlude Old Hundreth Piet Post

SERVING TODAY WORSHIP COORDINATORS

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Harry Eberts Worship & Music: Diane Buchanan Liturgist: Ellery Truesdell Ushers: Allen Gulledge Organist/Music Director: Dr. Linda Raney Liturgical Arts: Judi Haines Alice Tinkle **Assistant Organist: David Solem** Communion: Assistant Choir Director & Cantor: Travis Bregier Jean Withers

Outreach: Sharon Kirby

ELDERS SERVING IN 2024

Rick Andrew Dick Lindahl Tom Tindall Sharon Eklund Janice Mayer Madeleine Wright Mary Gulledge Melissa Mitchell Judi Haines. Kathy Harris

Gary Murphy Clerk of Session

Elizabeth Hook Juanita Thorne-Connerty

DEACONS SERVING IN 2024

Alvin Baca **Sharon Marrs** Ellery Truesdell Bruce Black Tom Mott Kelly Truesdell M'lea Walsh Bruce Goslin George Parr Leslie Goslin Carol Schneider **Heather Weir**

Christina Hill Gary Schneider Mary Norris, Moderator

We pray for:

Katrina Nugent (daughter of Arthur Neudek) Mary Kuhns Harold & Karin Lerew Bia Neudek (daughter of Arthur Neudek)

Margaret McDoniel (daughter of Alice Tinkle) Bill Gee

Friends and family of Dick Rowe

Valerie Belong and family of Bill Belong (friend of Dennis Sanderson)

Friends and family of Jim Toevs

Roland Salazar (friend of Jim and Pauline Toevs) Bernie Chittenden (cousin of Pauline Toevs) Connie (friend of Jim and Pauline Toevs) Jo Russell (cousin of Judi Haines)

Eva Reneau (mother of Donna Shands) Friends and family of Barb Hutchison

Evan Hollingsworth (great nephew of Chris Haynes) Gayle Green and her family (friends of Madeleine Wright) Mary Ann and Greg Edwards (friends of Leah Pallman)

Ona Larson Malleck (sister of Lelah Larson) Elaine Lea (mother of Leah Paalman)

Simon Bredbeck (great nephew of Janis Chitwood)

Carolyn Bell (mother of Rebecca Hodges) Daniel Weir (son of Heather Weir)

Juanita Thorne-Connerty

Linda Larkin Maurice Trimmer Sara Romer **Chuck Poitras** Jennifer Elliott Steve Kinnett Teresa Bremer Mary Lou Williams **Bruce Rolstad**

And we pray for our ministry partners:

Westminster Presbyterian Church Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis Sagua la Grande Church, Cuba

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