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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew.*

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Organ Voluntary** *Jesus, Lead Thou On*

SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, arr. Paul Manz

**Troait #698** *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

John L. Bell

**†Call to Worship**

Mia Dickman

One: To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

**All: Have mercy on us!**

One: God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

**All: Hear us when we call!**

One: From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

**†Hymn #687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

*Ushers will collect yellow Prayer Request cards.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:  
Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.  
Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.  
A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.  
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.  
Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts. You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge, and yet we hide them under a bushel. We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need. We have been poor stewards of all you have given. Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given, that it might be returned in service to you.**

**(Silent Confession)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**†Gloria Patri #581**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

At that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

### Anthem *We Are the Servants of the Lord*

Sonja Poorman

*We are the servants of the Lord, and we will praise His holy name through the pages of time,  
on the pathways of life, as we walk together as servants of the Lord.*

*We are the servants of the Lord, and we will praise His holy name through the seasons of time,  
on the stages of life, as we walk together as servants of the Lord.*

*We will follow His light to the ends of the earth.  
With His power and might we will stand unafraid.  
When we think of the height of His honor and worth,  
we know in His sight we were made.*

*We are the servants of the Lord, and we will praise His holy name through the pages of time,  
on the pathways of life, as we walk together as servants of the Lord.*

### New Testament Reading I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### Sermon "The Day of the Lord"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

### †Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (p.35)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†Hymn #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.  
Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.  
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.  
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** *Sweet Hour of Prayer / Just as I Am*

arr. Laura Phipps

Laura Phipps, Cappy Phipps, Cindy Berridge, Nancy Saldivar on mountain dulcimers

**Reception of Confirmands, Class of 2023**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

†Hymn #367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.  
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;  
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.  
Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

**†Charge and Benediction**

†Response *Amen in G*

Hal H. Hopson

**Postlude** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN, arr. Paul Manz

*The Postlude is given as an offering to God. Please remain seated.  
If you wish to express appreciation, please do so by saying "Amen."*

†Please stand in body or spirit

*Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Barbara & Brian Davis in honor of Faye Chapman's birthday on November 23rd.*

**Worship** in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org).

**Being confirmed today** are **Tyler Mikeal Cooper, Nolan William Covington, Olivia Corinne Covington, and Imsaal Kashif Dean**. Serving as Liturgist is Mia Dickman, confirmand, Class of 2022.

**TODAY at 2 pm in the Sanctuary — A CONCERT OF THANKSGIVING — with music presented by the Chancel and Handbell Choirs, with Organ, Piano, and Trumpet. Reception to Follow.**

Session has called a **Congregational Meeting following worship on December 3** for the purpose of electing a Deacon to fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2024.

#### **FPC Sunday School Fall Schedule @ 9 am:**

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (*contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link*). Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8. Mark Clemmons leads the current study of *Reading for the Love of God: How to Read as a Spiritual Practice* by Jessica Hooten Wilson.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.
- **Confirmation**—Oasis, Room #12. Led by Rev. Fair.

**Fellowship @ 10 am each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.** Drop in for a quick hello and a cup of coffee!

**Seafarer Christmas Box Update:** Thanks to your generosity, Jim Keith delivered 77 Christmas boxes to the Seafarer Center in the Port. If you are still working on one, it is not too late to bring it in. The total number of boxes, including those from FPCP, is 2,297. The chaplains fully expect this total to reach between 9,000 and 10,000. They will start distributing them to the ships on the Monday after Thanksgiving.

**The Hanging of the Greens** will be on **November 26**. Help decorate our building, next Sunday, November 26, following worship, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**Cut Ups** meet early in December on **December 6, at 1:00 pm** to make Caramel Popcorn and Pretzels. Lunch - 11:30 am at Ernie's. Contact Liz Reed, if needed, at 832-256-5814.

**Young at Heart Field Trip** for December will include a day of shopping, eating and enjoying the evening Christmas decorations in **Old Town Spring** on **Wednesday, December 13**. The bus will load at the FPC parking lot at 1:45 pm. The bus departs at 2 pm and will return about 9 pm. We are limited to 28 passengers on the bus, so register early with Ruth Askine, 713-515-9248 or [ruthaskine@gmail.com](mailto:ruthaskine@gmail.com).

**Fundraiser for 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Brian Davis is making and selling some of his popular recipes to support the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Peanut brittle \$1.00 per bag; English toffee \$2.00 per bag. Contact Brian at 832-656-5925 with any questions.

**The Chain Stitchers** are looking for two ironing boards to keep in the Cut-Ups room. Please contact Donna Gilchrest at 281-830-3176 if you have one to donate.

#### **Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Faye Chapman; Carol Ann McCaleb; Ronald Walker, brother of Ann Wright; Anne Berridge; Akilah Woods, friend of Samantha Cayton; Bill Myers, friend of John and Liz Griswold; Scott Moelman, Lou Anne Sinor's nephew; Sherry Sinor, Lou Anne Sinor's daughter-in-law; Garland DeLoach; Mark Corder; Deanna Biggers, friend of Carrie Reed; Imelda Carrillo's granddaughter, Lauren Ware; Imelda Carrillo's friend, Alice Ramirez; Corrie Martinez, friend of Richard Heeth; Leah Slaven; Maurice Barclay; Dolores Thacker's son, James Thacker; Emma Abrams; Pat Pesl; Joan Gibertini's daughter, Deborah Gaskins; Mike & Susan Wallace; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Mary & Rex Knapik; Imelda Carrillo; Ukraine.

**Update:** Diane Hall's granddaughter, Stephany Harnden, her husband Robert, and their three daughters who had to leave their mission efforts in Lebanon have returned safely to the states. They are currently in Houston and will soon be traveling to Waco and Florida.

Sunday, Nov 19	Sunday School—Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Called Session Meeting—BR	10:00 am
	Fellowship @ 10—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Deacon's Meeting—#10	11:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	<b>FPC Concert of Thanksgiving—Sanctuary</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>
	<b>Private/FH—Ministerio Corban</b>	<b>4-8:30 pm</b>
Tuesday, Nov 21	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:30 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Nov 22	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 23	<b>Thanksgiving Day- Church Office Closed</b>	
	<b>Private Event—FH</b>	
Sunday, Nov 26	Sunday School—Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship @ 10—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b>	<b>11:30 am-2 pm</b>
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	<b>Private/FH—Ministerio Corban</b>	<b>4-8:30 pm</b>

### Mission Statement

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

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#### Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair  
Mia Dickman, Liturgist  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
Ron Ollis, Organist  
Laura Phipps, Cappy Phipps,  
Cindy Berridge, Nancy Saldivar on  
mountain dulcimers  
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