

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements

Jim Keith

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew. If you have a prayer request, complete a yellow prayer card. Ushers will collect them during the opening hymn.

Minute for Stewardship

Cappy Phipps

Passing the Peace of Christ

Organ Voluntary

Fugue in C Major (BuxWV176)

Dietrich Buxtehude

Introit #404

What is This Place

Huub Oosterhuis

†Call to Worship

One: As we gather for worship,

All: let us offer praise to God.

One: As we join voices and hearts,

All: we learn the importance of each one of us.

One: As we find unity in the wider body of Christ,

All: we learn that our whole is more than its parts.

One: Let us worship God.

†Hymn #271

The Lord Almighty Reigns

ST. BRIDE

*The Lord Almighty reigns in majesty most bright,
appareled in omnipotence, and girded round with might.*

*The world established stands on its foundations broad;
your throne is fixed, you reign supreme, the everlasting God.*

*The seas have lifted up their voice in majesty,
but God on high, supreme in might, is greater than the sea.*

*Your testimonies, Lord, in faithfulness excel,
and holy must your servants be who in your temple dwell.*

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, God of all people, creator of all things good, forgive us when we fail to see the good in others. Forgive us when we refuse to see that all people are created in your image. Forgive us when we search for your presence and grasp for your grace, unwilling to believe that we cannot be separated from your love. Forgive us, God of mercy. Through Christ our redeemer, free us to try again.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

†Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

New Testament Readings:

Mark 12:38-44

As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Sermon

“Our Vision and God’s Vision”

Rev. David Wells

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

†Hymn #806

I’ll Praise my Maker

OLD 113th

*I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice
is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers.*

*My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
and being last, or immortality endures.*

*How happy they whose hopes rely on Israel's God,
who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
Whose truth forever stands secure, who saves the oppressed
and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's promise vain.*

*The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports
the fainting mind and sends the laboring conscience peace.*

God helps the stranger in distress, the widowed and

*the parentless, and grants the prisoner sweet release.
I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice
is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
and being last, or immortality endures.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

Partita IX from O God, Thou Faithful God

O GOTT DU FROMMER GOTT(BWV767), J. S. Bach

†Doxology #606

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #697

Take My Life

HENDON

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.*

†Charge and Benediction

†Response #408

Refrain from *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*


Doris Akers

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION
arr. David Cherwien


†Please stand in body or spirit.

 **Flowers** today are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** by Marilyn Wilkins with thanks and blessings for her children, Allison and Craig, and grandchildren, Vera and Avery.

Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at fpcpasadena.org.

FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 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: 2 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8, discussion of the book *Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better*, by Brant Hansen.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade**—Room #10. Led by James Jackson and Brian Davis.

 Drop by the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School or before worship for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and possibly a 'treat'... 10-10:30 every Sunday morning.

We welcome to the pulpit Rev. David Wells. Rev. Wells has retired from serving as Chaplain at the Houston International Seafarers Center. We are grateful to have him here today while Rev. Dr. Fair is attending her granddaughter's confirmation.

Presbyterian Women Wreaths Across America — Houston 2024. Today is the last day to sponsor a wreath. Stop by the table in the narthex. Questions? Contact Melba Slaven @ 713-557-7195.

Pledge Dedication Sunday is one week from today! Please prayerfully consider your response to God's goodness and bring your pledge card to worship on November 17. Cards also may be dropped off or mailed in advance.

Bless a Seafarer by filling a Christmas box. Empty boxes and a gift list can be picked up in Fellowship Hall. Please return filled and wrapped boxes by November 17. Prayer Shawl Ministry has knitted stocking caps for your box.

Each Sunday, look for the **85th Anniversary** table in the narthex for a variety of items to purchase with all proceeds going to the 85th Anniversary Fund.

Join Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, November 12 as we study Lesson 3. "Food Justice" from the study book, *Let Justice Roll Down*, by Patricia K. Tull. Day circle starts at 10:00 a.m. Night circle meets in person and on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Bonnie Keith can provide Zoom information.

The Brunch and Book Group meets next on Saturday, **November 16**, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the book **How to Age Disgracefully**, by Clare Pooley. "Pooley weaves together the most cleverly flawed and lovable characters and then sets them free to prove that we are limitless at any age. A senior citizen's center and a daycare collide with hilarious results in this new ensemble comedy".

Hanging of the Greens is November 24, following worship! Plan to attend the Hanging of the Greens as we prepare our hearts and church home for the season of Advent and Christmas. Snacks will be provided.

The next Young at Heart Bus Trip (for ages 55+) is Wednesday December 11, to the Festival of Lights in Moody Gardens, Galveston TX where you will be exploring a variety of holiday attractions including a mile-long trail of illuminated lights and a Buffet dinner. Cost (about \$27.00 for festival & dinner) Bus will load at 2:45 pm, departs at 3:00 pm.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Emma & Pat Abrams; Nola Bray; Jim Tinney; Frank & Glenda Kucera; Mike & Susan Wallace; Laura Neal Hatridge, and her family; Kay Hutson; Imelda Carrillo; Aimee Hackney; Anne Berridge; Cathy Armstrong; Lavinia Brown's sister, Edith Morehead; Diane Hall's loved ones; Ukraine and the Middle East.

Sunday, Nov 10	Sunday School/Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School/All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship—Rev. David Wells	10:30 am
	Discipleship—Library	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
Monday, Nov 11	Mission & Outreach—Library	1:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov 12	PW Day Circle—FH	10:00 am
	Chair Yoga—Narthex	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—Narthex	6:15 pm
	PW Night Circle—FH	6:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov 13	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm
	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:00 pm
	Stewardship—Library	2:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 14	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	1:30 pm
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15pm
Saturday Nov 16	Men's Breakfast—FH	8:00 am
	Presbytery Meeting—Off site	9:00 am
	Brunch & Book—FH	10:00 am
	PRIVATE/GLORIA—FH	6:00-9:30 pm
Sunday, Nov 17	Pledge Dedication Sunday	
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Deacon's Meeting—#10	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm

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

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