
24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF GENEROSITY: Stephanie Stine, Clerk of Session

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
Rev. Kirsty Dickson-Maret & Kathy Bowen, Flutists

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 78) *Margaret Sollish, Liturgist*

One: The Lord established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel,

All: which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

One: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,

All: and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God,

One: and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

All: Let us worship the Lord together as we set our hope in God.

*HYMN #379 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Let us offer them with joy in our hearts and a deep sense of gratitude.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Holy Shepherd of all generations, we bring our gifts this morning with thanksgiving and praise! We present these tithes and offerings not from hearts of obligation or debt, but with the confidence and joy that through your love made incarnate in your son Jesus, you've forever removed our debt. Our joy and gratitude are hard to contain. Use our gifts and our lives to do your work of compassion, mercy, and redemption. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #562 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*For those who are able, please stand.

- **Today's Usher:** Andrea Ducharme
- **Coffee Hour:** today is hosted by Bea Boak
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship.
- **Bible Study:** The Book of John will be discussed today at 11:30 following Coffee Hour.
- **Session:** Tues., Nov. 14, 7:00 in the Media Center
- **Special Gifts Committee:** Wed, Nov. 15, 5:30 in the Media Center.
- **Community Dinner:** Thursday, November 16, 4:00 – 5:15. On the menu is Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans with Bacon and Onions, Applesauce, Zucchini Bread and Pumpkin Pie. This is a sit-down dinner and take-outs are also available. If you would like to have a meal delivered, please call the church office.
- **Poinsettia Orders:** Due by November 17. See the enclosed information.
- **Samaritan Center:** We will serve a meal at the Samaritan Center on Saturday, Nov. 18 12:30 – 3:00. Please contact Kathy Bowen to volunteer, 315-283-1338.
- **Deacons:** Tues., Nov. 21, 7:00 in the Media Center

First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

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Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence

Anthonia Todd; John Tulloch and family
upon the loss of his wife, Barbara Tulloch

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Identity Statement

We are a loving family of God, following Christ by practicing our legacy of worship, education, and mission to neighbors.

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we return again and again to God in need of God’s grace let us now turn to God, confessing the ways we fall short of what he hopes for us. Please join me in our Prayer of Confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**We confess that we neglect to acknowledge you as God in our lives.
We live like we have complete control over our own future.
We forget that you created us and that we are the sheep of your pasture.
We separate ourselves from the flock and abandon our bonds with one another as we try to do it all on our own.
We have traded gratitude for individualism and thanksgiving for self-reliance.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us to live as your grateful people.**

One: Now that we have confessed as a body, let us take the truths that have troubled our hearts to God silently. Let us not be worried about the awkwardness of silence, as we take some time to focus on speaking with our God.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Gloria Patri #579

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace with one another.

WE HEAR AND REFLECT ON GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 *Liturgist*
red Bible p.298, black Bible p.215

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret
red Bible p.1440, black Bible p.204

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13
Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret
red Bible p. 1206, black Bible p. 28

SERMON “To Keep Our Lamps Lit” *Rev. Kirsty H. Dickson-Maret*

WE OFFER OUR LIVES TO GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed (UNISON)

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 #391 “Take My Life”