# 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023 10:00 AM

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF APPROACH

PRELUDE: Handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP

Barb Winegard, Liturgist

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

All: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.

One: God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

All: God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.

One: We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

All: We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.

\*HYMN #559 "We Gather Together"

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 #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

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)

Our tables groan with too much food, so may our gifts feed the hungry; we welcome family into our homes, so may we embrace the lonely; we sleep in warm beds at night, so may we shelter the homeless; we are blessed with more than we need, so may our gifts fill the emptiness of our sisters and brothers in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN #551 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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<sup>\*</sup>For those who are able, please stand.

- Today's Usher: Marge Calkins
- Coffee Hour: today is hosted by Marty Pond
- **Flowers:** the flowers in the Sanctuary today are courtesy of Rush & Marty Pond.
- **Choir Practice:** will be held at 9:15 each Sunday morning before Worship.
- **Pastor Kirsty:** will be on vacation Fri. Nov 17 Mon., Dec. 4. Please contact Elder Andy Brussel at 315-491-8126 or Deacon Marty Pond at 315-440-0779 for Pastoral cares or concerns.
- The Hanging of the Greens: will take place today after Coffee Hour. Please stay and help if you are able.
- **Deacons**: Tues., Nov. 21, 7:00 in the Media Center
- Thanksgiving Day: Thurs., Nov. 23
- Office Closed: Fri., Nov. 24

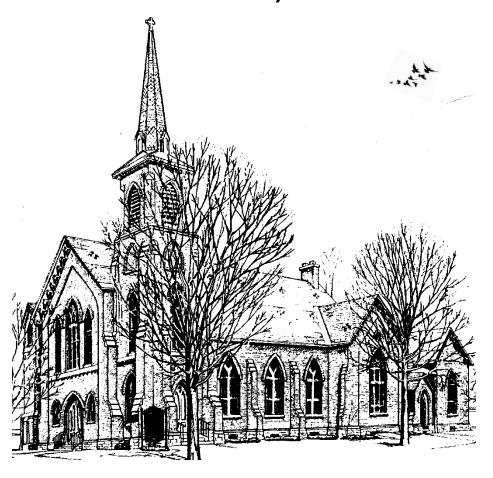
## **Remember in Your Prayers & Correspondence**

Anthonia Todd; the family of Patricia "Pat" Johnson upon her death

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# First Presbyterian Church Baldwinsville, NY

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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

We wonder what's for lunch, we worry about work tomorrow, we fret about the test that is coming up. So much worry, so much time wasted over things we cannot control. The One who showers earth with rain, who places the stars in the autumn sky, is the same One who wraps mercy tight around you, who feeds us on healing and hope. Let us confess how our worries keep us from trusting the God who hears us and restores us to new life. Please join me as we pray, Prayer of Confession.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Because we live in this modern, tech-driven, twittering age, we often forget what you have done for us, God of every blessing. We pat ourselves on the back for our ability to learn new computer skills, but have forgotten that life is more than a machine. We have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the fears we wear so easily.

Forgive us, Restorer of life. As you clothe us with your grace and mercy, may we share with those who have so little. As our hearts overflow with your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts to everyone we meet. As you feed us with your joy and hope, may we welcome to the Table all those whose lives are filled with tears and pain. As we gather with family and friends during this season, may we continue to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

#### SILENT REFLECTION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

This is the good news: as God dresses creation in wonder, so you will be clothed in grace; as God pours out abundance upon the earth, so you will be blessed with peace and joy.

We don't say it often enough, but thanks be to God for healing, for life, for wonder, for mercy. We are blessed, for we are forgiven. Amen.

\*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 Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Liturgist

red Bible p.228, black Bible p.165

MUSICAL OFFERING

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Rev. Susan Faye Wonderland

red Bible p.1412, black Bible p.183

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 17:11-19

Rev. Susan Faye Wonderland

red Bible p. 1274, black Bible p. 80

SERMON "Looking Back"

Rev. Susan Faye Wonderland

## **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

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