

## Announcements

**Today's Sanctuary Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Jim and Beverly Black in memory of lost loved ones.



**Join Paul Mills as he discusses Dickens' A Christmas Carol**, over the next several weeks in his Sunday School class, located in the parlor. This will be an exciting study leading up to, and into, the season of Advent. We look forward to seeing you Sunday mornings at 9:30.

**Please keep these Arkansas Presbytery congregations in your prayers this week:** Church Nursery Workers; First Presbyterian, Rogers.

**The Church Office will be closed, Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, in Observance of Thanksgiving.**

**Session Meets:** Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. (Note time change)

*Committees which regularly meet on the third Wednesday of the month may meet prior to the Session Meeting on November 28, at 6:00p.m.*

**Diaconate is CANCELLED in November and December.**

**Children are always welcome** in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Childcare is also available for children who are newborn through Kindergarten in Room #208, upstairs from the Sanctuary. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up a clipboard of activities on the front row near the entry doors. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

**Welcome Visitors!** The bookmarks in the pew in front of you, depicting our stained glass windows, are available for all to take home. Thank you for worshipping with us!

**YOUTH:** If you are looking for information about our Youth Group here at First Presbyterian Church, check out **Instagram!** There you will find photos and the latest on what's happening regarding youth activities. Go to: **hspresyouth**

**Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project!** The quarter tube is located in the Fellowship Hall next to the refreshment table. **Save Your Dimes!** All dimes in the offering go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles.

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**Order of Worship**  
**November 18, 2018**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Today's Liturgist ..... Paul Mills

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Prelude

Introit ..... *"O God Beyond All Praising"* ..... Perry/Hayes

Call to Worship..... Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Leader: Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**People: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**People: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn No. 559 ..... *"We Gather Together"* .....KREMSER

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Dear God, we confess that it is hard to thank you when our heads are full of worries and our hearts are full of troubles. Our lives can be so difficult as we face heartache, loss, confusion, sickness and death. Sometimes, God, you seem so far off and difficult to understand. Teach us, we pray, to be thankful in all circumstances. Remind us that you suffer beside us and work to move us from suffering to rebirth. Forgive our sins, heal our wounds, and make us thankful disciples as we follow and serve our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

\*Silent Prayers of Confession

\*Lord Have Mercy Upon Us (Kyrie) (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 574

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 579

**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.**

**Proclaiming the Word**

The Children's Sermon

\*Hymn No. 554..... *"Let All Things Now Living"*..... ASH GROVE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading..... Matthew 6: 24-34 .....pg.6, NT

Anthem..... *"A Thanksgiving Tapestry"* ..... John Purifoy  
(see insert)

Sermon ..... *"Living God's Abundance"* .....Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn No. 551 ..... *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* .....ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)..... The Apostles' Creed  
**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.**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Traditional) ..... Hymnal, page 16

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology (Unison) ..... Hymn No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Bearing the Word Into the World**

\*Charge and Benediction .....Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

*It's "Birthday Sunday" and today we honor our members and friends celebrating Birthdays in the month of November. Following worship we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall for Birthday Cake. Please join us! Gifts to the Birthday Fund support scholarships for church members attending college.*