

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 10, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS; CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 22: 1-14 by Katherine Hawker).
There is a space in the pew beside us. There is an empty seat at our table at home. There is room in our car, on our couch, in our lives. Whom then shall we invite? The doctor, the lawyer, the banker? The mother, the neighbor, the friend? The homeless, the outcast, the poor? Whom then shall we invite? Maybe we are planning an event. Maybe we prefer to dine alone. Maybe, just maybe, we are ready to encounter the kingdom of God. Whom then shall we invite?

* Hymnal No. 420 (Blue Hymnal) God of Grace and God of Glory

The Beatitudes: The Beatitudes are not just words on a page; they are meant to be lived, day in and day out, by all of us who call ourselves Jesus' disciples.

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Leader: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

People: Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

People: Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

People: Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*GLORIA PATRI – 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

A Message for the Young at Heart

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Time For People To Pray and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Daniel 7:13-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 16:13-20

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

“Hide and Seek – Where Is the Real Jesus?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

*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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymnal No. (Insert)

I Love to Tell the Story

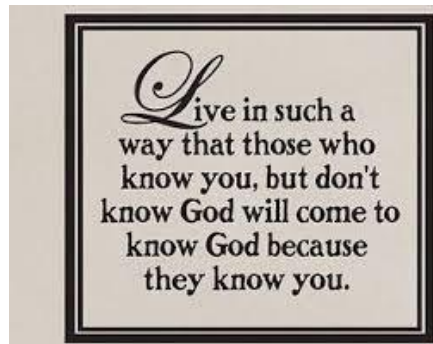
*Benediction

May the God who breathed life into creation be your delight. May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming. May the Holy Spirit walk among you and set your hearts ablaze with passion. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen

POSTLUDE – () We stand as we are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **8 Most Significant Words:** *"Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"*
2. **#1 Reason to Be at First Pres:** *Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus.*
3. **Prayer List:**
 - a. *Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) - Patsy has made tremendous progress in her cancer battle*
 - b. *Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) - She has Pancreatic Cancer; undergoing chemo*
 - c. *Allie Morris (Biff's daughter-in-law) - Hashimoto's or Grave's disease*
 - d. *Lindsey Henderson's mother- extensive back surgery; pray for a successful recovery*
 - e. *The Need for Unity in Our Country*
 - f. *Our New 12 Commitments for Christ*
4. *If anyone has a prayer request/need, you can fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate or email us at 1stprestifton@gmail.com.*
5. *The sign-up sheet for flowers is in the narthex.*
6. *Plans are underway for our fall festival on November 24th; we need volunteers to provide cookies, cakes, pies, candy, etc. We also need volunteers to help with activities that day. Please see Jane Bennett or email the church office if you can help in any way.*
7. *We will have our traditional Thanksgiving luncheon on November 17th.*



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