

Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost
November 17, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS; CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

Call to Worship

Leader: You are never left outside God's house.
People: *There is always room for us.*
Leader: Jesus himself has prepared a place for each of us.
People: *When our time comes, we will be welcomed and made whole in Christ.*
Leader: Make your hearts ready to receive the goodness of the Lord.
People: *We are ready to step into service for God. AMEN.*
All: *Let us worship God.*

*Hymnal No. 555 (Blue Hymnal) Now Thank We All Our God

Thankful for Blessings (In Unison) - Joan Walker Hahn

Heavenly Father, thank You for all the blessings You give me. During this Thanksgiving season, as I look at all You have done for me, I am overwhelmed. Most of all, I thank You for sending Your only Son to die for me. Thank You for raising Him from the dead and that He now is seated with You in heaven. Thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, whereby I can feel Your presence. May I always hunger to spend time with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen

*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

Regular Tithes and Offerings Organ Offertory

*Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication – Unison (inspired by Matthew 14:15-21)

On my own, what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 8:1-2, 7-14, 17-18

The Sermon Dr. William D. Coker

“Strolling Down Memory Lane”

Preparation for Prayer Philippians 4:4-7

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

A Time to Place Prayer Requests & Pledge Cards at the Foot of the Cross

Hymn Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O LORD, Hear our prayer, O LORD;
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

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 GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymnal No. 391 (Blue Hymnal) Take My Life (1 – 4 Only)

*Benediction based on Philippians 4:4-9

Go into the world showing a gentle attitude toward everyone. Be joyful and thankful! Fill your mind with those things that are good and deserve praise: things true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. Put into practice what you have heard here. And may the God who gives peace be with each of you. Amen.

POSTLUDE - () We stand as we are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Jynni & Frank Bowyer.*
2. **8 Most Significant Words:** *"Who will you invite to church next Sunday?"*
3. **#1 Reason to Be at First Pres:** *Because we know why we're here - to share the Real Jesus.*
4. **Prayer List:**
 - a. *Margaret Connor- having heart issues; pray for a successful procedure*
 - b. *Patsy Rohrer (sister-in-law of Margaret Connor) - The Chemotherapy treatment seems to be working, but the last one has been postponed because she is very weak and needs to regain strength first. After she has her last treatment, they will do all the scans again, to see how successful it was.*
 - c. *Cathy Martin (Biff's sister) - She has Pancreatic Cancer; undergoing chemo*
 - d. *Allie Morris (Biff's daughter-in-law) - Hashimoto's disease*
 - e. *Bubba Harrison- the cancer has spread to his bones and chemo has been stopped because it is not helping.*
 - f. *Lindsey Henderson's mother- extensive back surgery; pray for a successful recovery*
 - g. *The Need for Unity in Our Country*
 - h. *Our New 12 Commitments for Christ*
5. *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.*
6. *The sign-up sheet for flowers is in the narthex.*
7. *Our fall festival will be 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.*
8. *We will have our traditional Thanksgiving luncheon today after worship. Please join us.*



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