

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2024

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!" Come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ. In the name of Christ, accept the invitation to discipleship; and as his disciples, worship and praise God. Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

* HYMN #302 (Blue Hymnal)

I Danced in the Morning

Confession of Sin

Lord God, forgive us for not investing your gifts wisely. We have been negligent with the time and energy you give us – often spending it all on ourselves while others have had to do more than their share of helping and caring. Forgive us for when we have buried the talents and failed to work with all the things you give us. We confess, O Lord, that we have not always used in a faithful and responsible manner the wealth you give us.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Servant. The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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 Word for the Young at Heart

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

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 THANKSGIVING

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Matthew 25:14-30

THE SERMON:

Dr. William D. Coker

"Always Be Christ's Disciples"

*COMMUNION HYMN #333 (Blue Hymnal)

Seek Ye First

THE WORDS OF INVITATION

Why did Jesus institute The Lord's Supper during His last Passover with the Disciples? Because He knew that we are forgetful people. If we do not celebrate this special Supper on a regular basis, we will forget His Sacrifice, forget His Suffering, forget His Grace, and even forget His Love. Let us participate in this blessed Supper in a spirit of repentance and confession, teach our children what it means, hold the elements and partake together as the One Body of Christ, and always keep our hearts overflowing with thanksgiving for the greatest gift ever given. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PREPARATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - 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.

*HYMN 339 (Blue Hymnal)

Be Thou My Vision

*BENEDICTION

(based on John 3: 16-17)

Just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem, so God sends you into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope. Go now to be light for the world! And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you always. 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*
 - c. *Allie Morris (Biff's daughter-in-law) - Hashimoto's disease*
 - d. *JD Hart on the loss of her mother during Hurricane Helene*
 - e. *Lindsey Henderson's mother- extensive back surgery*
 - f. *The Need for Unity in Our Country*
 - g. *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. *Rev. Coker is starting a 2-part sermon series on our mission and vision.*
7. *Plans are underway for our fall festival on November 24th; we need volunteers to provide:*
 - a. *bags of wrapped candy for prizes (it is fine to include chocolate too)*
 - b. *corn hole boards (if anyone has some we can borrow for the day)*
 - c. *small children's slides (if anyone has some we can borrow for the day)*
 - d. *chili chefs (we plan to serve chili for lunch)*
 - e. *cakes and pies for a traditional cake walk*
 - f. *brownies and cookies for dessert*



*Gratitude,
Generosity
&
Discipleship*



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