

* Congregation stands

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *Rhosymedre* R. Vaughan Williams

Words of Welcome

Introit

* Call to Worship *(Psalms 104: 1-9, 24 RSV)*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, thou art very great!

**People: Thou art clothed with honor and majesty,
who coverest thyself with light as with a garment,**

Leader: Who hast stretched out the heavens like a tent, who hast laid the beams of thy chambers on the waters, who makest the clouds thy chariot, who ridest on the wings of the wind, who makest the winds thy messengers, fire and flame thy ministers.

**People: Thou didst set the earth on its foundations,
so that it should never be shaken.**

Leader: Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

**People: At thy rebuke thy fled;
at the sound of thy thunder they took to flight.**

Leader: The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place which thou didst appoint for them.

**People: Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass, so that they might not
again cover the earth.**

**All: O Lord, how manifold are thy works!
In wisdom hast thou made them all;
the earth is full of thy creatures.**

* Hymn 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART
Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Compassionate God, you have shown your great love to us by coming to us in the form of a Servant. You have called us to serve, even as we have been served; yet, we have put our own interests first and have turned away from the needs of others. We are so self-absorbed that we trample over others and elbow our way to places of honor, scarcely noticing the violence of our ways.

Show us your mercy and forgive us. Strengthen us by your Spirit that we may show our love for you by showing tenderness and humility in our relationship to one another. Enable us to lay down our lives for Christ's sake, demonstrating that we truly are faithful disciples. Amen.

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

The Word of God

First Lesson Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Solo *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* Hogan

Children's Message

* Gospel Lesson Luke 18: 1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Holding Tight" Ann Soderquist

Response of the People

* Affirmation of Faith *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called, Abba Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn 379

My Hope is Built on Nothing Else SOLID ROCK

* Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Manz

* Doxology Hymn 592

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

* Hymn 359

More Love to Thee, O Christ MORE LOVE TO THEE

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Postlude *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* Carlson

Lay Reader: Loyce Bradshaw

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory and celebration of the life of Dimples Climer by Patricia Climer.

A **Congregational Meeting** has held called for November 1st immediately following the Wednesday night dinner at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect at large members to the officer nomination committee.

Welcome: We welcome the Reverend Ann Soderquist to our pulpit today. Ann lives in Watertown and is a member-at-large of our Presbytery. Dr. Cheetham is on study leave this

week.

An Old Time Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 10:45 a.m. Suggestions for hymns to be sung may be submitted to the church office.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today	8:45 am	Contemporary Service
	9:45 am	Church School
	11:00 am	Sanctuary Service
Tuesday	9:00 am	Preschool
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Fellowship
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Preschool
	6:30 pm	Contemporary Practice

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary Service	38	Offering	\$	3,535.00
Sunday School	42	Weekly Need		5,354.00
Sanctuary Service	81	Through Sept		176,633.50

Fall Festival: Everyone is invited to the annual Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. There will be games, activities, and candy for the children. We need the following items donated: individually wrapped candy, red apples, and small pumpkins. Come in costume and plan to join in the fun! No scary costumes, please.

Youth News: Our **Halloween party** will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be a movie, a devotional, snacks and games. For more information, contact the church office at 444-1360.

Fellowship Breakfast

Everyone is invited to breakfast on October 29th in Fellowship Hall at 8:15 a.m. The menu will include bacon, eggs, biscuits, juice, and coffee.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner & Fall Festival October 25th, 6:00 p.m.

All reservations must be received by Tuesday morning. To make a reservation, call the church office or sign up on the attendance slip inside the bulletin. You can now make your reservation on line at www.fpclebanon.org.

Pulled BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Cookies or Ice Cream Sandwich Prayer Concerns

Hazel Williams	Pam Anderson	Marcia Williams
Claudine Prowell	Don Denney	Isa Carroll
Etta Hammer	Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman
Thayer & Alice Smith	Betty Eshelman	Lesa Fletcher
Mary Helen Averitt	Maclynn Crawford	Debbie McClure
Sara Thompson	Debbie York	Sue Patton Guy
Sherry Arnold	Aubrey Roney	Julie Pepper
Marjorie Nabbe	Cecilia White	Barbara Mullins
Stan Williams	John Angles	Valerie Eblin
Joseph Clemons	Julie Stephens	Grace Garrard
Jerry Gray	Shirley Walfus	Debbie Sharp
Martha Anderson	Debbie Brinner	Johnnie Keel
Jeremy Stubblefield	Jim Robbins	Charles Lambert
Jerry Pentecost	Donna Goliher	George Donnell
Jessie Ruth Hall	Charles Cowden Sr.	Mary Keiph
Kathy Keith	Sean Barber	Alba Telez
Pat Bone	Bonnie Hall Major	Barbara Kelley
John French	Ed Newton	Sue Bouton
Bill Higgins	Brianna Stevens	

Military

Kevin Alseys	Kyle Kaker	Randy Sandlin
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Matthew Ash
Luke Baker
Blake Beckman
Jaymon Bell
Michael O'Neil
Matthew Humes

James Scott
Mike Matthys
David Midgett
Jason Nolley
Jason Redmon
Stewart Beaumont

Noah Evans
Jeff Scott
Jeremy Scott
Jason Sellars
Lee Smith

The Church Session

Brenda Thaxton, Clerk of Session

2006

Joe Adams
Jimmie Crawford
Brenda Thaxton
Lois Ann Wauford

2007

Suanne Bone
Tom Halbert
David Howell
Hugo Sandoval

2008

Charles Bradshaw
Pat Climer
Ken Hawkins
Gwynn Lanius

The Board of Deacons

Lesley Jacobson, Moderator

Jon Baker
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Mary Ellen O'Neil
Deborah Sanders

Loyce Bradshaw
James Herren
Lesley Jacobson
Karen Jump

Jennifer Breland
Faye Brown
Becky Burris
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