

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of life, you graciously call us to come to you, but we turn away. We ignore you and the many signs that you send. We dismiss your prophets and close our ears to your Word. Greedily, we seek out that which will feed us today while we ignore that which will nourish us for eternity. Hear our confessions, we pray. Forgive us and help us receive the true bread of heaven. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.

People: We have been claimed as God's own people.

Leader: In the name of Christ, we are forgiven

People: Thanks be to God!

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No. 572

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

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Carol Hill
Karen Hunter-Lowery

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-15

*When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another,
"What is it?" For they did not know what it was.
Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."*
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands Traditional

SERMON

What Is It? Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN**

Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*

***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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Lead Me to Calvary

Hugh S. Livingston Jr.

***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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (repeat)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

*1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*2. In Christ shall true hearts
everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind.*

*3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.*

*4. In Christ now meet both east and
west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Sun of My Soul

Robert L. Hughes

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME into membership into the church today Carol Hill and Karen Hunter-Lowery by Transfer of Letter. Carol comes from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fairfield Glade and Karen comes from First United Methodist Church, Lebanon.

There will be no Wednesday Fellowship Meal this week due to Fall Break. Meals will resume on October 11.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 8 at 9:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing four At-Large members to the Officer Nominating Committee.

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be received today. A gift to this special offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER— We are one month away from our 6th Annual Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun morning in which we will assemble 10,000 meals to be sent to a needy location. Our event will take place on Saturday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m. Everyone will gather at 9:00 am to measure, weigh, package, seal, and box those meals. This event is for all ages. We must raise \$4,000 to cover the cost of the meals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Edington is teaching the Youth Sunday School Class.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

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| Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Deacons' Meeting Monday 6:00 p.m. New Day (AA) Tuesday 4:00 p.m. Prayer Group | Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Thursday 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Friday |
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SESSION

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| Class of 2023 Max Carter Frank Reeves David Foutch Wayne Patton | Class of 2024 Nancy Gebhardt Mickey Stueck Allen Vance | Class of 2025 W.P. Bone Jack Emmert |
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DIACONATE

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| Class of 2023 Margaret Carroll Mark Fain Carol Benson Pat Hatcher | Class of 2024 Jonathan Bouton Carol Turner Van Turner Sandra Weatherford | Class of 2025 Rachel Low Anne Donnell Jim Stueck |
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STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
 Pastor – Sherard Edington
 Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles
 Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
 Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
 Nursery – Sara Chaney
 Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

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| FINANCIAL UPDATE | | |
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| | Expenses | Income |
| August | \$26,390.91 | \$16,014.80 |
| YTD | \$218,662.52 | \$231,180.78 |
| | Last Week's Offering | \$3,503.00 |