



First Presbyterian Church

201 S. High St.
Kirksville, MO

September 29, 2024 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship

Prelude

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome

*Call to Worship

If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God's holy name!

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn 465 *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

PYF Musicians, Accom.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us. Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that make us different. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

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*Hymn 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*”

We Listen to God’s Word

*Prayer of Illumination

Your Word is our salt; without it, we lose our being, our joy, and our ability to endure. Open our hearts and our minds to listen, to really listen, to your Word today. Amen.

*Hymn 701 “*Lord, Prepare Me*”

Scripture:

Old Testament Lesson	<i>Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22</i>	Old Testament pg 448
New Testament Lesson	<i>James 5:13-20</i>	New Testament pg 231
Psalter	<i>Psalms 124</i>	Old Testament pg 572

(The congregation will respond by reading the even numbered verses.)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music	“ <i>Woman in the Night</i> ” arr. Alfred Fedak	Smanatha Pratt
Gospel Lesson	<i>Mark 9:38-50</i>	New Testament pg 45

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Message	“There is no greater warrior than one who protects a child”	Dr. Paul Yoder
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*Hymn 716 “*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*” PYF Musicians, Accom.

We Respond in Faith

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

Prayers of the People 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.

Opportunities for Ministry

Office Closure - The Church office will be closed Wednesday, October 2 and will reopen on Thursday, October 3.

Presby Women - The next Presby Women Meeting will be October 10th at 2:00 p.m. at the Home of Margaret Ferrell. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Peace & Global Witness Offering - Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. Peace is possible, and it begins with us sowing the seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make. The Peace & Global Witness Offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together, connected as active peacemakers. Starting September 8th we will begin collection for the Peace & Global Witness Offering. The last day to give will be October 6, World Communion Sunday. For more information: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/peace-global-witness/#resources>

Fall Youth Retreat - This year's Fall Youth Retreat will be November 2, 2024 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Missouri. Cost is \$10 and covers 2 meals on Saturday, a t-shirt (if registered in time), and all activities. Please see Sami, Michele, or Becky if your child is interested in attending. Registration deadline is October 18, 2024, if you want a t-shirt. If you don't want a t-shirt, the deadline is October 28, 2024.

Offering

*Hymn 606 *“Doxology”*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 352 *“My Lord! What a Morning”* PYF Musicians, Accom.

We Depart to Serve

Charge and Blessing

Sung Benediction Hymn 70 *“What Does the Lord Require of You”*

Postlude

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 29 - Dr. Paul Yoder

10:30 a.m. – Worship; 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

Tuesday, October 1

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group

Wednesday, October 2

6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 3

9:30 a.m. - Friendship Hour (Hardees)

Sunday, October 6 - Dr. Paul Yoder - Communion/First Feast

10:30 a.m. – Worship; 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship

Tuesday, October 8

9:00 a.m. - Clothes Closet Sorting Group; 1:00 p.m. - Clothes Closet;

7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

9:30 a.m. - Friendship Hour (Hardees); 2:00 p.m. - Presby Women (Margaret's Home);

5:00 p.m. - Deacons Meeting

September Food of the Month for PAC

Canned Meat

October Food of the Month for PAC

Pasta

Attendance September 22, 2024

In person – 30

Online – 7

Church Office Hours This Week

Becky - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 8:00-Noon

Please feel free to contact the office for an appointment outside of these hours.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The accompaniment consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has quarter notes on D5, E5, F5, and G5, followed by a half note on A5. The accompaniment features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, including a chromatic descent from G2 to F2.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues with quarter notes on G5, F5, E5, and D5 in the vocal line. The accompaniment maintains a steady bass line with some chromatic movement.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line features a half note on D5, a quarter note on C5, and a final whole note on B4. The accompaniment ends with a final chord on G1.

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth that “[they] are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in [them].”

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MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY

Irregular

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B^b (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B^b (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

*Or "God"

352 My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

Fine

fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum - pet
2 You will hear the sin - ner
3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound
cry, shout, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,

to Refrain

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29–30/Mark 13:24–26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)
 B^b F Gm Dm

*1.

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.

Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.

To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
 E^b B^b Cm F B^b *Repeat as desired*

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.

**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.