

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 26, 2025

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Meditation

"The law says that everyone should get what they deserve, but God already knows what we deserve with terrible precision, and God wants us to have more than that." ~ Francis Spufford

PRELUDE

*Toccata and Fugue in D minor
BWV 565
~ J.S. Bach*

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL INTROIT

Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 51

Pastor Eric Garner

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

O Lord, open my mouth, and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you do not delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit.

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us

GTG 720

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

Gracious Lord, whose law is love,

You provide all that we need

To live righteous and just lives in your world.

But we reject your offer for health;

We choose to live by our own standard,

Ignoring your call to work reconciliation and peace.

Forgive us and transform us;

Guide us back to obedience to you,

So we can love you and our neighbors well.

May we follow after Christ in this work,

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

To faithfully serve you.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

In Christ we are freed to live in right-relationship with God. Know that you have been transformed by the power of Christ's love for you.

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

GLORIA

Gloria

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL ANTHEM

We Gather Together

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lizz Kendall

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



1 At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. **2** When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, "Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath." **3** He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? **4** How he entered the house of God, and they ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests? **5** Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and yet are guiltless? **6** I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. **7** But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. **8** For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

9 He left that place and entered their synagogue; **10** a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. **11** He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? **12** How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." **13** Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. **14** But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jesus and the Law

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

GTG 681

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Eric Garner

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be low; praise

God, a-bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

POSTLUDE

*Toccata from Suite Gothique
~ Leon Boellmann*

Ben Marti

Please join us in the lower level for Coffee Hour after Worship Service



Thank you, Sally Coomes, for sponsoring this Sunday's worship flowers in honor of those in need of healing and comfort!

If you are interested in sponsoring the Sunday worship flowers, please sign up on the FPC website, or call the church office and we'd be glad to help get you signed up!

CALENDAR

- Sunday, October 26:** 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour
FPC Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, October 26:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Church Directory Photo Sessions
FPC
- Sunday, October 26:** 11:15 a.m.
WiredWord Adult Sunday School
FPC Library
- Sunday, October 26:** 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Trunk or Treat!
FPC Parking Lot and adjacent parking lot
- Thursday, October 30:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Paint N' Sip
Mankato Makers Space
1700 3rd Avenue, Mankato

Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff

FPC Session ~ Elders

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