

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2024

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Meditation

“Without forgiveness, there is no future.” ~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Pastor Eric Garner

For everyone in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to Godself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

In Christ God was reconciling the world to Godself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making this appeal through us.

HYMN

Restore in Us, O God

GTG 434

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

**Merciful God,
In your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
We are a people divided against ourselves
As we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to your good creation.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
Set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
Lord have mercy upon us;
Heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
As agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

Christ meets our every need, both feeding us with the bread of life and restoring us to right relationship with God. Know that in him, you have been forgiven.

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

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lizz Kendall

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GTG 288

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 17:9, 13-14, 22

Susan Hahn

9 One who forgives an affront fosters friendship,
but one who dwells on disputes will alienate a friend.

13 Evil will not depart from the house
of one who returns evil for good.

14 The beginning of strife is like letting out water,
so stop before the quarrel breaks out.

22 A cheerful heart is a good medicine,
but a downcast spirit dries up the bones.

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

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people, but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. **12** We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. **13** For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. **15** And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised. **16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. **17** So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. **20** So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. **21** For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. **2** For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation!

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Reconciling All Things

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

GTG 316

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Eric Garner

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Eric Garner

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; on the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

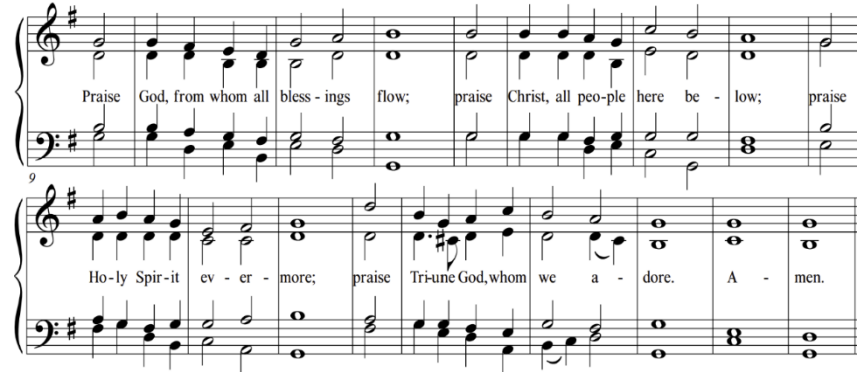
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Eric Garner

CALL FOR OFFERING AND DOXOLOGY

GTG 607



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



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CALENDAR

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Congregational Meeting
FPC Sanctuary

Sunday, November 3: 11:30 a.m.
Fair Trade Sunday
FPC Fellowship Hall

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2-Cents-A-Meal
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