

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 2025

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Meditation

"Jesus' love for the poor and the oppressed was not an exclusive love; it was an indication of the fact that what he valued was humanity not status and prestige."

~ Albert Nolan

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL INTROIT

A New Day

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 41:1-3, 11-13

Pastor Eric Garner

Happy are those who consider the poor;

The Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.

The Lord protects them and keeps them alive;

They are called happy in the land.

By this I know that you are pleased with me:

You have upheld me because of my integrity and set me in your presence forever.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

From everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

GTG 803

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

Giver of every good and perfect gift,

You have promised to sustain us with what we truly need.

Yet we feel anxious about your provision;

We want to consume and hoard,

Believing we can make ourselves secure.

We harm our families, neighbors, and environment

As we pursue stability in what cannot satisfy,

And comfort in what cannot provide peace.

Help us to trust in you,

Believing that you know what we need,

And that you desire to see us made whole.

As Christ gives us the Holy Spirit,

May we find our lives in you.

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.**

GLORIA

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8

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.

8

The musical score for the Gloria is written for piano in B-flat major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff with lyrics: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'. The second system also has a treble and bass staff with lyrics: 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' There are repeat signs at the beginning and end of the piece, with the number '8' indicating the number of measures.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL ANTHEM

More Than Enough

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lizz Kendall

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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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.

The musical score for the Sung Prayer for Illumination is written for piano in B-flat major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff with lyrics: 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.' The second system also has a treble and bass staff with lyrics: 'Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. — Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.' There are repeat signs at the beginning and end of the piece, with the number '9' indicating the number of measures.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:1-15

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1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. **2** A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. **3** Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4** Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was

near. **5** When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” **6** He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7** Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” **8** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, **9** “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” **10** Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. **11** Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. **12** When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” **13** So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. **14** When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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

SERMON

Jesus and the Crowds

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

Bread of Life from Heaven, verses 1 – 3

GTG 497

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



Thank you, Muriel Schoon, for sponsoring this Sunday's worship flowers in memory of loved ones!

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 19:** 11:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour
FPC Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, October 19:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Church Directory Photo Sessions
FPC
- Sunday, October 19:** 11:15 a.m.
WiredWord Adult Sunday School
FPC Library
- Sunday, October 19:** 11:15 a.m.
Confirmation Class
FPC Chapel
- Tuesday, October 21:** 12:00 p.m.
Brown Bag Bible Study
FPC Library
- Wednesday, October 22:** 6:00 p.m.
Spiritual Formation Workshop
FPC Sanctuary

Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff

FPC Session ~ Elders

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