

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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18th Sunday After Pentecost

October 12, 2025

**This service is being livestreamed Prelude through Postlude, and is available for public viewing.*

Meditation

"No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much work to do."

~ Dorothy Day

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Seth Anderson-Matz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

Pastor Seth Anderson-Matz

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountain are God's also.

The sea is God's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

GTG 403

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Seth Anderson-Matz

Our hearts are hard, O God –

Soften them with your love.

Our hands are clenched, O God –

Open them with your grace.

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –

Invite us to dance with you.

Our lives are not our own, we know –

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God.

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Seth Anderson-Matz

By the grace of God you have been given the gift of new life, accomplished through the work of Christ, and assured in the power of the Holy Spirit. Trust in this good news and live.

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.

ANTHEM

Ben Marti

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Seth Anderson-Matz

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lara Zimmerli

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66:1-12

1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; **2** sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. **3** Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. **4** All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." **5** Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. **6** He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, **7** who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves. **8** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, **9** who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. **10** For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. **11** You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; **12** you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:5-9

Pastor Seth Anderson-Matz

5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. **6** Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. **7** But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. **8** For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, **9** for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

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

SERMON

A Spacious Place

Pastor Seth Anderson-Matz

HYMN

Take My Life – verses 1-2, 5-6

GTG 697

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Seth Anderson-Matz

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 Seth Anderson-Matz

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



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 12: 10:20 a.m. immediately after Children's Sermon
Kidz Club
FPC Kids Room

Sunday, October 12: 11:15 a.m.
The WiredWord Adult Sunday School
FPC Library

Tuesday, October 14: 6:00 p.m.
Committee Meeting Night
FPC

Wednesday, October 15: 9:30 a.m.
PWC Meeting
FPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 15: 6:00 p.m.
Session Meeting
FPC Multipurpose Room

Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff

FPC Session ~ Elders

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