

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2024

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Meditation

“When we choose love over fear, we open ourselves to receive and share blessings.” ~Rev. Dr. William Barber II

PRELUDE

Ben Marti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Garner

CHORAL INTROIT

Ben Marti and Dr. Andrew Kendall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 23:1-6

Pastor Eric Garner

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. God makes me lie down in green pastures; God leads me beside still waters;

God restores my soul. God leads me paths of righteousness for the sake of God’s name.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil.

For you are with me; your rod and your staff -- they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

GTG 363

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Eric Garner

Gentle Shepherd,

You guide us in right paths,

You lead us in the ways of righteousness,

But we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths.

Forgive us, God, for not following your ways.

Forgive us for not remembering that we are your sheep, and you are our Shepherd.

Guide us back to your path, to loving you and loving our neighbors.

Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands

In hope and healing, forgiveness and love.

In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Eric Garner

Even in the darkest valley, though death’s shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. God will comfort and shelter us. No one can snatch us out of the Lord’s hand. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. The Lord has forgiven us.

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

GLORIA

Gloria

GTG 581

Musical score for Gloria, featuring piano accompaniment and vocal lines. The score is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "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

Musical score for Sung Prayer for Illumination, featuring piano accompaniment and vocal lines. The score is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "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

John 14:25-31

Susan Hahn

25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. **26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. **28** You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. **29** And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. **30** I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, **31** but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

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

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, **5** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood **6** and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last **18** and the Living One. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever, and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

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

SERMON

Living Without Fear

Pastor Eric Garner

HYMN

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

GTG 815

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

GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low; praise
Ho-ly Spir-it ev - er - more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Eric Garner

POSTLUDE

Ben Marti



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CALENDAR

- Sunday, October 27: 10:20 a.m.
Kidz Club
FPC Kids Room
- Sunday, October 27: 11:30 a.m.
Youth Group
FPC Youth Room
- Sunday, October 27: 11:30 a.m.
WiredWord Adult Sunday School
FPC Library
- Sunday, October 27: **5:00 p.m.**
Trunk or Treat! Today!
FPC Parking Lot
Wear your costumes!



Eric Garner, Pastor and Head of Staff

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