

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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.

BLESSING, SERVING, AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP AT THE OPEN TABLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Gabriel's Oboe* ENNIO MORRICONE

PRAYER AFTER ALL HAVE COMMUNED *(unison)*

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT 553 *Go To the World*

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION *(all Sing)*

May you run and not be weary.  
May your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary.  
May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you home.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS: Tom Copple Family, Garry & Roberta Grau, Peggy Burger, Brenda & Robert Long.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: Mavis Whitten's great niece, Kacie McDaniel. FPC friend, John Marks. Tina Zarate friend of Pam Davidson. Friends of Vicki Ball, Tom & Jenny Hines. FPC Nursery teacher, Lupe Yanez. Friends of Aislinn King, Carol Scarborough. FPC Scholar Singer Gaby Jaime's grandparent, Joe Garcia. Paul Vega, a friend of Yolanda Garcia's son. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary Massingill. Stephanie, a friend of Karen Copple.

THOSE GRIEVING: Alexa Brown on the death of her mother, Joan Helgeland.

Prayers for this church in transition.

Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
LUBBOCK**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**TWENTY-SIX SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 17, 2024 10:30 AM**

*As a church family, we strive to connect people to God and to one another as we follow Christ.*



“The Voyage of Life: Childhood,” by Thomas Cole (1842), Oil on canvas National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Calendar of Events

Monday, 11/18

9:00 am Methodist Meeting

Monday, 11/25

1:00 pm Canasta Group—DH

Wednesday, 11/20

7:00 pm Choir—CR  
8:15 pm Handbell Practice—

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7:00 pm Choir—CR  
8:15 pm Handbell Practice

Thursday, 11/21

6:30 pm Session—DH

Thursday, 11/28

Sunday 11/24

8:30 am United Methodist  
Worship Service —S  
9:50 am Choir Rehearsal—S  
9:30 am Morning Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship—S



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Minister of Word and Sacrament: **Rev. Dr. Robert P. Reno, MDiv, Ph.D.**  
Liturgist: **Liz Staggs** Director of Music: **Alexa Brown**  
Pianist: **Dr. Spencer Hartman**

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

\* *Please Stand in the body or in spirit*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

PRELUDE MARTIN LUTHER, ARR. JAY ROUSE  
*A Mighty Fortress*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) LIZ STAGGS

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.

**The boundary lines have fallen for us in pleasant places; we have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night my heart instructs me.

**We keep the Lord always before us; because he is at our right hand, we shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**You show us the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*(from Psalm 16)*

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 60 *I Will Sing of the Mercies*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Loving God, we know that you are the creator of the universe. We know that you continue to maintain that creation from moment to moment. Indeed, we believe that not even a sparrow can fall from the sky without your knowledge. And yet we must confess that we continue to be anxious, worried, and afraid. We worry about the wars in Ukraine and Gaza and the possibility of conflict spreading even wider. We worry about climate change with the world getting hotter and what that might mean for our children and grand-children. We worry about the leaders of this nation and the changes that are certain to come in the weeks ahead. We worry about our own health – physical, emotional, financial. Forgive us, O God, in the weakness of our faith and trust. Help us to believe that you do, indeed, hold this world in your hand, and that nothing can separate us from your love, care, and compassion, either in this world or the next.**

*(Please continue to pray in silence.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON THE REV. ROBERT RENO

My friends, the Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Hear this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you!**

Let us offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

\* PASS THE PEACE

\* GLORIA 145 *Glory Be to God, Creator*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**Dear Father in heaven, your Son promised that we would see him again whenever we are willing to wait patiently and listen to what the Holy Spirit says to us. As we read your word this morning, illumine our hearts through the light of your Spirit. Help us to quiet our minds so that we can hear the promise of your kingdom among us. For the sake of our Lord Jesus, fill us with understanding and peace. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON DANIEL 12: 1-3

SECOND LESSON MARK 13: 1-8

SERMON "The River of Life" REV. ROBERT RENO

CHORAL MEDITATION ARR. LLOYD LARSON

*Declare Your Maker's Praise  
(Gabriel's Oboe with This is My Father's World)*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE *Remember* LARRY SHACKLEY

## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*Come to the table as an offering of yourself, a re-commitment to faith. You may also bring your tithes and other offerings. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice and consume both at once. Gluten free option available. All are welcome.*

### CALL TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, through your servant, Jesus Christ, whom you have sent in these last times as savior and redeemer. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you made all things and in whom you take delight.

You sent him from heaven into the Virgin's womb, where he was conceived and took flesh.

Born of the Virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was revealed as your Son.

In fulfillment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering to release from suffering those who place their trust in you.

He freely accepted the death to which he was handed over, in order to destroy death and to shatter the chains of the evil one; to trample underfoot the powers of hell and to lead the righteous into the light; to fix the boundaries of death and to manifest the resurrection.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

738 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (all sing)*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we set before you this bread and this cup, thankful that you have counted us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you as your priestly people.

Gather into one all who share these holy mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory, through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**