

Gracious God,
 Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these
 your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break
 and the cup we bless may be the communion of the
 body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us
 with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized
 in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every
 place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us
 out to be the body of Christ in the world. Number us
 among your saints, O God, and join us with the
 faithful of every age, that strengthen by their witness
 and supported by their fellowship, we may run with
 perseverance the race that is set before us, and may
 with them receive the unfading crown of glory when
 we stand before your throne of grace. Give us
 strength to serve you faithfully until the promised
 day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all
 the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit, all glory and hon or are yours,
 almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

PRAYER AFTER ALL HAVE COMMUNED *(unison)*

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as
 living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus
 Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the
 sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into
 the world in peace, and grant us strength and
 courage to love and serve you with gladness and
 singleness of heart, through Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.**

SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

- * HYMN OF COMMITMENT 531 *Rejoice in God's Saints*
- * CHARGE & BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL BENEDICTION *(all Sing Twice)*
**Go now in peace; go now in peace! May the love of
 God surround you everywhere, everywhere you
 may go!**

Calendar of Events

Today after worship

11:30 am Stewardship
 Fellowship, Congregational
 Meeting—DH

Wednesday, 11/6

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

Sunday 11/10

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

Monday, 11/11

1:00 pm Canasta Group—DH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:

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

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: FPC friend, John Marks,
 Mavis Whitten's friend, Judy Brunner. Tina Zarate friend of
 Pam Davidson. Friends of Vicki Ball, Tom & Jenny Hines.
 FPC Nursery teacher, Lupe Yanez. Friends of Aislinn King,
 Carol. 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Minister of Word and Sacrament: Rev. Dr. Robert P. Reno, MDiv, Ph.D.
Liturgist: Chris Crawford *Director of Music:* Alexa Brown
Pianist: Dr. Spencer Hartman *Oboist:* Dr. Jordan Hastings



**FIRST
 PRESBYTERIAN
 LUBBOCK**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 NOVEMBER 03, 2024 10:30 AM**

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



“The Parable of the Talent,” by Andrei Mironov
 Russian, Oil on canvas, 2013

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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

* *Please Stand in the body or in spirit*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

PRELUDE ARTHUR PIAZZOLA

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) CHRIS CRAWFORD

In your wisdom, O God,
you call us here to worship you.

We gather, alive to the Word of God.

You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,
**ready to listen and respond with heart,
soul, strength, and mind.**

We listen, alive to the Word of God.

**You call us to be always watchful
for your Word of wisdom,**

sometimes startling and unexpected,
sometimes still and quiet,
but always dwelling among us.

We watch and wait for the Word of God.

HYMN OF PRAISE 529 *For All the Saints*

CALL TO CONFESSION

In repentance and rest is our salvation, in quietness and trust is our strength, but we would have none of it. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to us; therefore he will rise up to show us compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him. Let us confess our sins as we pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

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 spoil the land and pollute the seas. The fear and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. 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.

(Please continue to pray in silence.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON THE REV. ROBERT RENO

My friends, hear these words and give thanks: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." This is the 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*)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON HEBREWS 9: 11-14

SECOND LESSON MATTHEW 25: 14-30

SERMON "Tree Tops" REV. ROBERT RENO

CHORAL MEDITATION SAINTS BOUND FOR HEAVEN
Traditional Shaker Hymn ARR. JOHN MACLANE SCHIRARD

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every

knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE JOHN HELGEN

This Host in Shining Robes

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

Let us come to this table:

those who have much faith,
and those who would like to have more;
those who have been to this sacrament often,
and those who have not been for a long time;
those who have tried to follow Jesus,
and those who have failed.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. We praise you for saints and martyrs, for the faithful in every age who have followed your Son and witnessed to his resurrection. From every race and tongue, from every people and nation, you have gathered them into your kingdom. You have shown them the path of life and filled them with the joy of your presence. How glorious is your heavenly realm where the multitude of your saints rejoice with Christ!

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