

**August 11, 2024**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00am — Sanctuary**



Volterra, Daniele da, ca. 1509-1566, "Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb"



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**WEST WAYNE STREET**

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

**Thank you for joining us today!** We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission, and programs. Please join us after worship for coffee, cookies, and punch in our fellowship hall, called McKay Hall. Just follow the crowd, and you cannot miss it! Livestreaming is available to watch via the website or YouTube, but we know this is no substitute for the community built through in-person connections. We're glad you're here!

*Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (she/her), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her)*

*Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An (he/him), Rev. Ann Pitman (she/her)*

**Please silence and put away your cellphone as you enter this worship space.**

*\*Those who are able, please stand*

**Congregation responds in bold**

### GATHERING

**Prelude** Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

setting by Paul Manz

### **Tolling of the Hour**

#### **Call to Worship**

We are hungering and thirsting for hope and peace.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Our hearts long for the nourishing presence of God.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Give to us the living bread of your peace that we may hunger no more.

**Open our hearts to joyfully receive your life-sustaining love.**

**\*Hymn No. 504** We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

#### **\*Call to Confession**

Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness. So let us pray with one another, first in silence.

#### **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, hear our prayer:**

**For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by unkindness;**

**For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;  
For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;  
For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;  
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,  
The strength to amend our actions,  
And the hope that your grace awaits us.  
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends: hear this good news and see the grace of God:  
You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love. Thanks be to God.  
Amen.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*As you are comfortable, we invite you to take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with those around you with a smile, wave, or other signs of connection.*

**\*Responsive Hymn No. 475    Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing                      NETTLETON**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'. It consists of three staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mer-cy, nev-er  
ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-  
bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!

**HEARING THE WORD**

## Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Solo Fairest Lord Jesus

Silesian Folk Melody

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior! Ruler of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.*

## Gospel Reading

John 6:35, 41-51

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon "It Is Enough"

Dr. Rev. Anne Bain Epling

## Affirmation of Faith ( from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equal in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ as the covenant.**

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn No. 707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

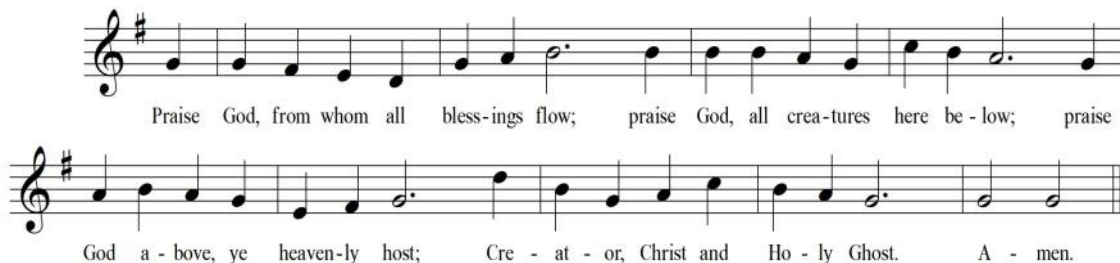
### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

### Invitation to the Offering

Offertory We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit chorale prelude by Dietrich Buxehude

\*Responsive Hymn No. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low; praise  
God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; Cre - at - or, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

The bounty of summer is upon us. God's table is filled with a feast beyond our wildest dreams. We are grateful to be God's welcome guest. May the gifts we give during this offering bless others as we have been blessed. Amen.

## SENDING

\*Hymn No. 541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

\*Benediction

\*Postlude Fogue in C

Dietrich Buxehude

### **Chancel Flowers**

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Tom Barnett  
by Anne, Erin and Leslie

**Biennial Parish Art Exhibition:** Calling all First Presbyterian artists— painters and potters, poets and short story writers, sculptors, and fiber artists—all you creative people! The First Presbyterian Biennial Parish Art Exhibition will be coming this fall, opening September 8!

Start thinking about what you'd like to exhibit now! Our theme will center around finding joy in and building bridges to our neighbors in our city. Get out the paints! Fire up the kiln! Stitch, write, or photograph away! You may exhibit anything that has not been in a previous parish show! Email Beth Iserman at [bdiserman@gmail.com](mailto:bdiserman@gmail.com) for more information.

You may pick up a copy of the artwork submission form in the church office.

We'll start collecting artwork on or about August 15. Please consider participating in this year's exhibition, as we seek to build bridges with our neighbors in the community.

***Hearing Loop: To use the "Hearing Loop" during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the "T," T-Coil or telephone position.***

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## Assisting with Worship this Morning

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**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

**Elders of the Month/Greeters:** Carolyn Krebs, Marj Sapp

**Ushers:** Esther Coplin, Eric Evans, Tom Mettler, Anita Wolfe

**Organist:** Kathryn Miller

**Soloist:** Elizabeth Graham

**Live Stream Operator:** Dick Florea

**Sound Board Operator:** Jeff Slater

Looking for the announcements? Pick-up a copy of the Friday E-news before or after worship. You'll find copies on the table in the Narthex.

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**Large Print Hymns are available from the Ushers**

# Sorry, Kids!

There is no Sunday School during the summer, but our nursery is open year-round! Anyone between 6 months and 5 years old is welcome! ASK an usher for a tour and more information.



## FPC Church Picnic 2024

- **Sunday, August 18 @11:00am**
- **Join us at Shoaff-Conklin Pavilion, located at Shoaff Park, off St. Joe Road**

**Worship: 11:00am in the pavilion**

**Lunch: Immediately following worship**

**Make plans to join us as we celebrate coming back together for a new ministry year!**

- **Jazz Ensemble**
- **Backpack Blessing**
- **Kids & Youth Games / Activities**
- **Potluck Picnic Lunch, Meat Provided**
- **Fun and Fellowship**