10:30 Worship November 8, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Greeting/Announcements/Worship Leader Don Cherry
Prelude

*Salutation and Call to Worship:
The day of the Lord is coming!
God will complete creation: a new heaven and new earth.
The glory of the Lord is coming!
God will overturn all things and draw us into communion.
All our prayers will be thanksgiving.
Let us worship God!

***Hymn:** "*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*" Hymnal #106 (Choir only)

*Let us pray a unison prayer of Confession:
God of steadfast love, we acknowledge that we belong to You, and that You have created us to love and serve You without reservation. Yet when faced with hard choices, we have followed the world's way and have abandoned our loyalty to You and Your way. Forgive our shallow faith. Forgive our lack of devotion. In the power of the Holy Spirit remind us of the truth that all we have and all we are comes from You and belongs to You. Empower us to live according to that conviction, to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*Silent Confession of Sin and Amen
*Assurance of Pardon:
Friends, by the matchless grace of God,
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri Hymnal # 734 (Music only)
Walks with Jesus Don Cherry

First Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Pew Bible #1148

Prayers of the People (see list below)
and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal - Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: "Jesus, Come, for We Invite You" Hymnal #669(Choir only)

*Recognition of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology Hymnal #34 (Choir only)
*Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-11 Pew Bible #961
Sermon: "The Day IS Coming" Rev. Glenn Coleman
Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Apostle's Creed Hymnal - Inside Front Cover
*Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal" Hymn #508 (Choir only)
*Charge and Blessing
*Postlude

Ushers will dismiss by row, please maintain social distancing
*Congregation Standing

Directives for Prayer

Dave & Rachael Carter, Pioneers
Shut-in: Joan Owens Al-Anon

- Full Prayer list available in monthly newsletter – copies available at entrances

We welcome our visitors and ask them to fill out a blue visitor card located in the pew rack. We invite you to commit your life to the Lord Jesus Christ in Christian discipleship and become a member of this fellowship. You may do this by meeting with the Session to express your faith in Christ in one of the following ways: Profession of Faith, Transfer of Membership or Reaffirmation of Faith.

Listening devices are available from the audio support person at the rear of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cards are available in each pew. If you would like to have a card sent to someone that we pray for during the service, please fill out the card and place in the offering plate. Our prayer card ministry team will send out a card during the following week.

Ushers – serving today: Robert Guthrie at the North door and Lorene Gilliam* at the South door. Today's Acolyte is Logan Chappell. Audio: Lance Chappell.

Flowers – Given to the glory of and in honor of my grand-girls first birthday, by Diane Greene.

Children's Church and Nursery: These continue to be temporarily suspended.

This Week's Announcements

Congregational Meeting – Today we will have a Congregational Meeting after worship to elect a Nominating Committee. Then on November 22 we will hold the next meeting to elect officers, and review the budget.

Stewardship – Stewardship season is here. Packets went out this week. Please return them by November 22nd. Please pray about your stewardship, and recognizing God's blessings in your life. Know how important you are, and realize that without your help and support we cannot function; we need each and every member.

Christmas Child – Just a couple more weeks for this drive. We'd love to send out many more shoeboxes to the children. Boxes are available at all entrances. Please also include a check $9.00 for each box. This goes toward the cost of shipping and helps pay for evangelistic materials that are a part of the shoebox distribution. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church. Return your packed, UNSEALED box, to one of the ushers on Sunday morning, or to the church office on any weekday. The deadline is next Sunday, November 15. Our goal is 30 boxes.

This year you can participate in Operation Christmas Child without leaving the comfort and safety of your own home by building a shoebox online! Simply go to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ and you can select items for your box. You will be asked for a $25 donation to cover the cost of the items, which you will need to pay online. If you choose to contribute in this way, please let Kim Albert know by sending a quick text (579-5011) or e-mail (kalbert@ntelos.net) so we can get an accurate count of boxes donated from our church.

5 Cents-a-meal – We will collect for the Presbytery of the Peaks program next Sunday, November 15. Please mark donations accordingly.

Church History – We will continue accept writings for another week from any week's assignment. We'd love to receive more to share in the upcoming Faith History publication.

Deacons and Session – There will be a meeting of the Deacons and Session next week on Tuesday, November 17. Deacons will meet at 5:30 pm and Session will meet at 6:00 in the Philathea Room.

Upper Rooms – November/December issue now available at both entrances as well as the foyer, pick one up as you enter/leave church, or stop by during the week, while supplies last.

Stephen Ministry – Please pray for our Stephen Ministers, reach out to the church office for more information.

Good Samaritan – Please consider helping the Good Samaritan this Fall, and Winter with necessary food items. They are always in need of canned meats (proteins) such as: Tuna, corned beef hash, peanut butter, chicken, Spam, etc. Financial donations are also accepted, mark checks or envelope accordingly.

Choir – We meet each Wednesday at 6 pm. Come out and join us.

Calendar

Sunday, November 8 **9:30 am – Adult Sunday School**
10:00 am – Youth Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship
11:30 am – Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, November 10 12 noon – NA

Wednesday, **November 11** 12 noon – AA
6:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, November 12 **7:00 pm – Men of the Church**

Friday, November 13 12:00 noon - AA

Church Staff
Rev. Glenn Coleman, Interim Pastor
Sherolyn Barnett, Office Manager
Christopher (Chris) D. Jones, Church Musician
Doris Koch, Church Treasurer
Ernest (Avon) Traynham, Sexton
Terri Hazelwood, Nursery Leader

Session
Rev. Glenn Coleman - Moderator

Class of 2020	**Class of 2021**	**Class 2022**
Linda Lumsden	Carol Foster	Mike Freshour
Donald Cherry	Carter Henderson	Robert Guthrie
Sandi Hughes, Clerk	Mike Koch	Mike Rand

Diaconate
Diane Greene, Chairman

Class of 2020	**Class of 2021**	**Class of 2022**
Kelly Chappell	Joanna Hughes	Michaella Freshour
Diane Greene	Paige Powell	Lorene Gilliam
Sue Wilkins	Terri Smith	Pattie Grubbs

Trustees

Richard Harrell III (2020)	Michael M. Rand (2021)	Leon Plaster (2022)

The W.W. Glass Scholarship Fund Trustees

Paige Powell (2019)	Tee Godbold (2021)	Terri Smith (2022)

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Mission Statement

"Growing God's Presence"

Foundational Principles

Christ Centered~Biblically Based~
Spirit Led~Grounded in Faith and Love

Values

Committed~Servant Heart~
Nurturing~Welcoming~Visioning

No nursery will be provided at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.
Children's Church and Sunday School continue to be suspended.
5 cents-a-meal Offering is collected the third Sunday of each month.
Worship every Sunday 10:30 am

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