

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

TODAY, we receive the annual Presbyterian Women's "Thank Offering."
Please use the blue envelope to support this annual special offering. Checks should be written to "First Presbyterian Church" (*Thank Offering* as memo). If donating cash, please write your name on the blue envelope.

TODAY, SERVING IN WORSHIP:

Reader: Bruce Bailey

Greeters/Ushers: Mary Jane Blosser; Robert Davis; Denise Kelly

Fellowship Hosts: Parish Life Committee (celebrate November b-days!)

Videographer: Joe Shane

Recorder: Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

~ **After worship today**, the Prayer Community meets

~ **Tonite, 7 PM:** Community Thanksgiving Service at United Church of Christ, 30 N. Pitt St. (*details below*)

~ **Tuesday, 7 PM:** Session meeting

~ **Wednesday: NO** Choir rehearsal

~ **Thursday: Thanksgiving Day!**

~ **Saturday, Noon-8 PM:** Fellowship Hall in use

THIS WEEK, IN OUR PRAYERS:

* **in the presbytery:** Presbyterian Disaster Agency

* **in the congregation (at random):** Bruce & Kathy Mulvey;
Matt, Danielle, Noah & Emma Weiser

NEXT SUNDAY.....CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY.....NOVEMBER 26th

> **9:15 AM:** Prayer, in the sanctuary

> **9:30 AM:** Education hour

> **10:45 AM:** Worship; Sermon, "To the Best of My Recollection";
Scripture, Matthew 25:31-46; Annual Congregational Meeting

> **After worship:** Fellowship time

NEXT SUNDAY – (Nov 26th):

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held at the conclusion of worship next Sunday. Items are:

- Election of the slate of officer nominees, Class of 2026
- Approval of the 2024 Terms of Call for Rev. Lorenz

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE. This evening at 7 PM, the Carlisle Area Religious Council will sponsor an ecumenical worship service at First United Church of Christ (30 N. Pitt St.). The program will include readings & prayers for concerns that affect our community, nation and world; and musical offerings from several different faith communities.



Dec. 2, 9 AM–6 PM: Bell-ringing for the Salvation Army (Karns, Spring Rd.)

Point of Contact: Connie Husler; **Sign-up sheet posted**

Dec. 3: Holiday Cookies for Truck Stop Ministry (bring in for packaging)

Point of Contact: Connie Husler

Dec 10: Annual Advent Luncheon; **Sign-up sheet posted**



ABOUT TODAY'S HYMNS

~ **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** has its text by Dean Alford (1810-1871). It is considered one of the finest harvest hymns in all hymnody. It was first published in 1844. Alford compiled his first hymnbook at age 11 and openly dedicated his life to God on the flyleaf of his Bible at age 16. The tune ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR was composed by Sir George Elvey and was named for St. George's Chapel, Windsor, where Elvey spent much of his musical career.

~ **Give Thanks** was written by Henry Smith (b. 1952). He saw life this way: God's side of the equation outweighs whatever is on the opposite side. His words indicate God is "all" of existence. The song resounds around the globe today.

~ **Now Thank We All Our God** was written about 1636 by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649). It is known as the German Te Deum ("te deum" meaning a liturgical hymn of praise to God), and was written near the close of the Thirty Years' War. It is still sung in German churches on New Year's Eve.

(Sources: *The Presbyterian Hymnal Companion*, by LindaJo H. McKim; and www.hymnary.org)



Welcome to all who have come to worship!

We bid you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Please join us for worship Sunday mornings at 10:45; Sunday school precedes worship at 9:30.
Find more information at: www.firstprescarlisle.org.



Members of the Congregation, Ministers

The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor

The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus

Debby Madden, Educator Emerita

Arthur Thompson, Organist; Ron Richcreek, Music Director

Avis Allen, Secretary; Chuck Adler, Sexton

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First Presbyterian Church On-the-Square Carlisle, Pennsylvania



November 19, 2023

10:45 a.m.

The Twenty-fifth Sunday
after Pentecost

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

The Promise of Living, the Gift of Thanksgiving
The Gift to Be Simple
Now Thank We All Our God

Copeland
Wood
Bach

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
~ GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS ~
+ MINUTE FOR MISSION +

We Gather Together

Kremser

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 65, selected)

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
O you who answers prayer!

**You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy.

**The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.**

* HYMN #551 – “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We thank you, O God,
for the manifold gifts you have given to us.
And yet we confess to you
that we have often taken for granted
your grace and your goodness toward us.
We have delighted in the gifts
rather than in the Giver.
We have praised ourselves
for what we have accomplished
rather than acknowledging
that all good things come from you.
Forgive us in your mercy, Lord,
and grant that we might be truly grateful
for all that you have given to us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN**
(silent confession...)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive
one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation.
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**
(Extend a word of peace with one another . . .)

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (O.T., p. 165)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “For the Beauty of the Earth” Rutter

SECOND LESSON II Corinthians 9:6-15 (N.T., p. 183)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “Enriched in Every Way” Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #216 (G) – “Give Thanks”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(adapted from I Thess. 4:13-17)*

**When our brothers and sisters die,
we do not grieve as others do who have no hope.
For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him
those who have died . . .
and so, we will be with the Lord forever.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (p. 16, blue hymnal)

GIVING THANKS

OFFERING OURSELVES, PW THANK OFFERING & 2024 PLEDGES

Offertory *All Good Gifts* Schwartz

* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty and most merciful God,
we, your unworthy servants, give you most humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness,
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
Give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that our hearts may be thankful,
and that we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service
and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, for ever and ever. AMEN**

SENDING

* HYMN #555 – “Now Thank We All Our God”

* BENEDICTION

* CLOSING RESPONSE #540 (v. 1)–“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

**“God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd’s care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.”**

* POSTLUDE *All Things Now Living* Behnke

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* indicates please stand, if able

BOLD indicates ALL read

Children’s Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you
(G) indicates use green songbook, “Sing! a new creation”



TODAY, AFTER WORSHIP, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for
conversation & lights refreshments.