

OPENING VOLUNTARY *God Is So Good*
Children's Bell Choir

OPENING WORDS

(Please silence your cell phones and turn off WiFi. Thank you!)

INTROIT *Be Thou My Vision*
Lauren Decker, Violin and Kathryn Blanding, Cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

All: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

One: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

All: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant and alive.

One: If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us.

All: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

One: We gather now to glorify our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

All: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

One: Let us worship God.

HYMN *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*
O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for not bearing fruit. You call and command us to bear the loving fruit of brotherhood and sisterhood, yet too often we sow seeds of division. You have asked us to bear the fruit of loving-kindness, but somehow we carry the taste of envy in our mouths. You have asked us to care for our neighbors, and though we desire as much, we frequently pass by those in need. Lord, have mercy. Renew us, that your Spirit might grow the fruit of graciousness within us. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen. *(Silent Reflection)*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sing Twice)

Jesus knows the inmost heart; nothing can be hidden.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

PASSING OF THE PEACE (Wave at your neighbor.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Jesus Loves Me*
(Children come forward during singing and sit on a colored dot.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 11:1-9 Madison White
John 15:1-17 Rev. Nick

Cheek

SERMON *"I Am the Vine"* Rev. Nick
Cheek

ANTHEM *St. Anthony Chorale*
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Abide with Me*
Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go in Peace

(Offerings can be placed in the baskets provided as you depart.)

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Middle School Youth meet Sundays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
High School Youth meet Sundays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Both groups meet in the Fellowship Hall.

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

For children and families of FPC
Sunday, October 25, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
(RSVP required by October 19)



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2020

We have had a great response from members who are writing an Advent devotional. We have a few more spots available. If you are interested in writing a devotional or have any questions, please contact Kelly Hickey. Devotions are due no later than October 25.



NATIVITY 2020

This year FPC's Nativity Service will look a little different as we plan to incorporate children and families. If your family is interested in participating, **please contact Kelly by October 25** to learn more about this special opportunity.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Tuomey: Kent Mims

Home: Carol Reese, Jimmy DuRant, Jimmy Newman, Tiny Owens,
Serena Davell (Marie Mills' Sister),
Brandon Hazen (Robin Thames' Brother-in-law),
Rick Parker (Lisa Bratton's Stepfather)
Charles King (Greg King's Father),
Ken Brown (Hope Alexander's Father)

St. Jude: Elizabeth Williams

West Chester, NY: Rhodes Danner (Pam George's Nephew)

Austin, TX: Robert Cain (George Cain's Father)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Janie McElwee-Smith on the death of her husband, Brad, who died October 14, 2020.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 18, 2020