

for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life, to the glory of your holy name...

*Time for silent confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

One: Thanks be to God.

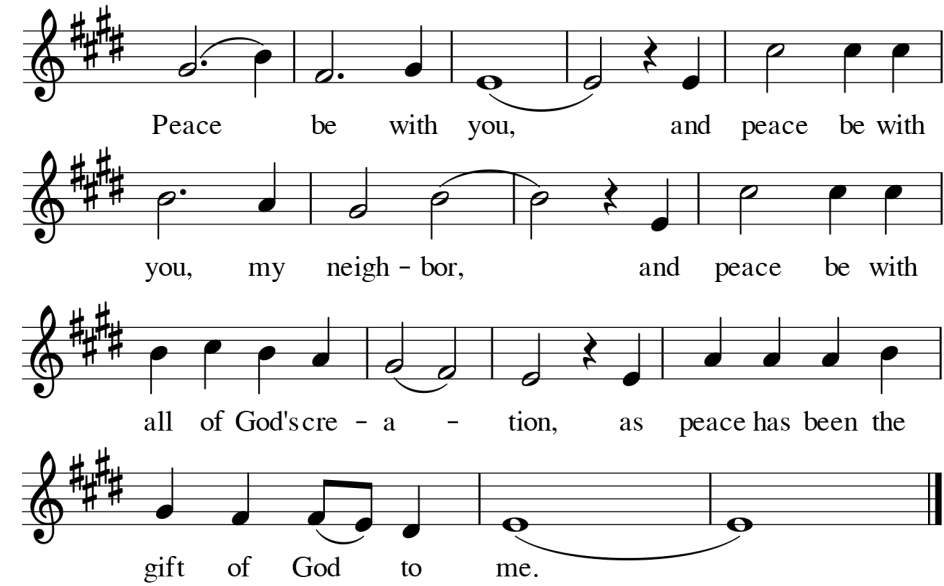
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

\* PEACE RESPONSE:



Peace be with you, and peace be with  
 you, my neighbor, and peace be with  
 all of God's cre - a - tion, as peace has been the  
 gift of God to me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME.

*Children who want to go to Sunday School can follow the teachers to their room. Younger children may be dropped off at the nursery (ages 0-4), and all children should be picked up at their rooms following the service*

\* HYMN #645: **"There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"** *Longing*

PSALMS: Psalm 19 p.498-499 OT

THE GOSPEL: Mark 8: 27-38 p.43-44 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Praise the Lord" *G.F. Handel*

Praise the Lord! Let songs of joy break forth,  
 Sing alleluia. Praise God's name forevermore.  
 Shout, sing and dance. Let all now praise God's name.

THE MESSAGE: "The Law of the Lord is Perfect"

*"The law of the Lord is perfect,  
 reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
 making wise the simple".- Psalm 19:7*

\* GLORIA PATRI:



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly  
 Spi-rit: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is  
 now, and will be for-ever. Amen, A - men, A - men!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

One: "Bring the full tithe into my storehouse " says the Lord of hosts;  
 All: **"And thereby put me to the test, if I will not open the windows  
 of heaven for you."** *Malachi 3:20*

OFFERTORY.

\* DOXOLOGY: (to the tune of "All Creatures of our God and King")

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
 Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia!  
 Praise Holy Spirit evermore.  
 Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from our Earth Care Preamble, PC(USA)*

**Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all  
 creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this  
 earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future  
 use and enjoyment of human family. As God offers all people the**

special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles  
 all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.  
**Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin  
 against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
 Amen.**

\* HYMN #719: "Come, Labor On" *Ora Labora*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION.

POSTLUDE.

*Join us in the narthex for coffee and fellowship -  
 and after that for Bible Study in the Heritage Room!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Today Adult Education:** We continue our Bible study of 1 Samuel and look into the adventures of David. Last week he took care of Goliath. This week he will have to contend with a jealous King Saul, and he gets married, but to which daughter? Come and find out! Rev. Cindy Weaver will lead the class.
- **Youth Choir begins today!** Our Youth Choir is starting up again today! All children who are starting to read are welcome to join us; we meet in the choir room at 11:30am and parents should return to pick up children at 12:15.
- **Youth Group starts today:** Youth Group starts back this week—Middle and High School students are welcome to join us after worship from 11:30-12:30 in the Youth Room upstairs.
- **Welcome back to the Chancel Choir:** Anyone interested in joining our Chancel Choir is welcome. Come share your voice and be part of our music community. Director David Neal can be reached at [david.neal09@gmail.com](mailto:david.neal09@gmail.com).
- **September 15 - Youth Group Star party:** All youth who participated in YG 2023-2024 have earned bubble tea and dumplings! Come enjoy your sweet reward!

- **Bobby Jo Valentine:** On Wednesday, September 18, we are hosting progressive Christian singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine in concert here in the church sanctuary. An offering taken at the concert will benefit two of our resident missions, Open Doors English and Ithaca Welcomes Refugees. Bobby Jo will be opened by his friend and Jewish artist Sue Horowitz. This is a great kind of event to which to invite a Christian or spiritual friend. Please plan to attend and to spread the word!
- **She's back!** The Rev. Kathleen Rusnak, Ph.D. will return to our sanctuary on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> to speak on "The Thriving Spirit of Alzheimer's". The program is from 9am AM to 12 PM and will be followed by a reception in the Narthex. This is not to be missed!
- **October 6 - No Sunday School or Youth Group:** Children and youth can enjoy worship with their family on World Communion Sunday.
- **December 14 - Yuletide Concert Dinner!** : It's never too early to sign up to volunteer to help support the youth in this festive fundraiser! Musicians, Kitchen helpers, and Clean up needed! Contact Mylika to sign up.



**Our greeters today are:**  
Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Linda McLean.

**Our ushers today are:**  
Rick Vaughan, Judy Vaughan, Deborah Streeter, and Tom Owens.

**We hold in our prayers:** David Brown; Elanor Buck; Harris Faulkner; Carolyn Grulich, Bobbie Kohut's sister; Patricia Lopez' mother, Nohemy Hernández; Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann; Stella Martz's nephew, Charles; Gaw Phaw; and Vivian and Jim Russell.

## CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

9:00-10:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
9:30-11:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)  
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00 am Fellowship (Narthex)  
11:30-12:30 pm Adult Education (Heritage Room)  
11:30-12:30 pm Youth Group

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours  
10:00-11:00 am Staff Meeting  
7:00-8:00 pm AA Meeting (Dodds Hall)  
7:00-9:00 pm Irish Music (Second Floor)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours  
9:30-10:30 am Al Anon (Fireside Room)  
9:30-10:30 am Wednesday Worship Meeting  
7:00-9:00 pm Bobby Jo Valentine (Sanctuary)  
7:00-9:30 pm Finger Lakes Pipe Band

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours  
9:00-10:00 am Buildings and Properties Committee (Heritage Room)  
2:00-7:00 pm Flight Performing Arts Voice Lessons (Choir Room)  
6:30-9:00 pm Community Game Night (Dodds Hall)  
7:00-8:00 pm Finance Committee  
7:00-9:00 pm YFN Music (Second Floor)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:

9:00-1:00 pm Kathleen Rusnak (Sanctuary)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:

9:00-10:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
9:30-11:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)  
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00 am Fellowship (Narthex)  
11:30-12:30 pm Adult Education (Heritage Room)  
11:30-12:30 pm Youth Group  
12:30-2:00 pm Session (Dodds Hall)

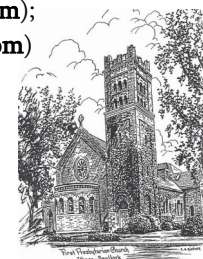
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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024: 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website.  
Please share your name in the Friendship Pads at the end of each pew.  
Numbered hymns are found in the purple hymnals in the pew racks.*

PRELUDE.

WELCOME:

Rev. Kirianne Weaver

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: *Proverbs 1: 20-33*

Liturgist: Mischa Dixon

One: Wisdom cries out in the street, in the squares she raises her voice.

**All: At the busiest corner, she cries out; at the city gate she speaks:**

One: "How long, you simpletons, will you love being ignorant?"

**All: How long will judges love mocking, and fools hate knowledge?"**

One: Give head to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you.

**All: I will make my words known to you.**

One: Because when I called, you refused to hear;

**All: I stretched out my hand and no one heeded.**

One: For waywardness kills the simple,

**All: and the complacency of fools destroys them;**

One: but those who listen to me will be secure,

**All: and will fear nothing. Let us listen to God!**

\* HYMN #396: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

*Holy Manna*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Rev. Cindy Weaver

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God,