

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

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

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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: Thomas Tallis

The peace of Jesus be with you,
and peace be with your neighbor too,
and peace in-dwell-ing all that live,
a peace that only God can give.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM: "When at Night I Go to Sleep" Engelbert Humperdinck

When at night I go to sleep,
Fourteen angels watch do keep:
Two my head are guarding.
Two my feet are guiding.
Two are at my right hand;
two are at my left hand,
Two who warmly cover;
two who o'er me hover;
two to whom 'tis given
to guide my steps to Heaven.

Abends will ich schlaffen gehn,
vierzehn Engel um mich stehn.
Zwei zu meinen Haupten.
Zwei zu meinen Füßen.
Zwei zu meiner Rechten;
zwei zu meiner Linken.
Zweie die mir decken;
zweie die mir wecken;
zweie die mir weisen
zu Himmels Paradiesen.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Children (including the Youth Choir) can follow the teachers to the Sunday School room. School-aged children will join us at the end of the service as we encircle the sanctuary for Stewardship. Younger children may be taken to the nursery (ages 0-4).

* HYMN #708: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Schumann

THE GOSPEL: Luke 17: 11-19 p. 80 NT

THE TORAH: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18a p. 165 OT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE: "The Fabric of Humanity."

*"You shall eat your fill, and bless the Lord your God."
- Deuteronomy 8: 10a.*

* 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:

At this point we will collect our usual offering, and save our Stewardship pledges for the end of the service.

One: Second Corinthians says, "God loves a cheerful giver."

All: There is no joy for us like giving a gift in love.

OFFERTORY. "Blessed Are They" David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit:
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow:
They shall be consoled.

Blest are they who show mercy:
Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart:
They shall see God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones:
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst:
They shall have their fill.

Blest are they who seek peace:
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith:
The glory of God is theirs.

Refrain:

*Rejoice and be glad. Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad, Yours is the Kingdom of God.*

* 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.

WE OFFER OUR PLEDGES TO GOD.

* HYMN #367: "Come, Ye Thankful People" St. George's Windsor

CHANT: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; Taizé
in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

While the chant continues to repeat, and as we all begin to sing along, we invite you to bring a pledge to the communion table, to join in a circle around the sanctuary, or to remain in your pew. Our children will join us from Sunday School. Ushers will be available with offering plates to take pledges forward if you would like their help. We will continue to repeat the chant until everyone has had a chance to approach the table and join the circle.

Parents and children may choose to find one another so they can stand together as a family.

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.

BENEDICTION.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Lutkin

Following the Choral Response, the circle may disperse to a pew or for fellowship time in the Narthex.

POSTLUDE. Now Thank We All Our God S. Klarg-Elerg

Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **THANK YOU**, sincerely, for your many gifts in this time of Stewardship. If you prefer to pledge online, you can find a link on the church's website: firstpresithaca.org. For those who have or will use the online pledge form, feel free to indicate this on a pledge card and participate in today's celebration of Stewardship.
- **Today's Adult Education class is being postponed** - enjoy a longer time of fellowship and joy at our church's rich history, lovely present, and wonderful future, and we will hear more wonderful poetry from James Weldon Johnson and others in the new year!
- **Yuletide Concert Dinner Tickets** are available in the Narthex after worship. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$5 for children (5-11), and family \$40. Find a Yuletide brochure for more details or visit the website to learn more or pay online.
- **November 26: Hanging of the Greens right after church:** Join us after Fellowship Time (about 11:30) that day to hang decorations throughout the church, with lunch provided. This is an afternoon of fun and creativity for all ages. We will unpack and hang the boxes of lovely and well-rested Christmas decorations for the sanctuary, and the children will make ornaments or a giant paper chain to decorate Dodds Hall and the narthex tree!
- **Thank you to our Deacons** who led us in such a wonderful service of worship last week. We feel very blessed!
- **Be sure you get the Good News** by writing your email address on the fellowship pad. We are about to send out the December issue, which carries on into early January and includes the insert: *How to Celebrate Advent and Christmas with Us*.

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

Our ushers today are:

Charlie Woodworth, William Chen,
Will Lloyd, and Glen Dowell

The flowers today are given

by Angie Chen – "In memory of William's parents,
Hoping and Yuhsieh"

We hold in our prayers:

Tom Hurst; Nita King; Betsy Mann; Mark Radice;
Vivian and Jim Russell;
and especially Barb Gegg, on the loss of
her wonderful service dog Tara.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!

9:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Sunday School (Second Floor)
11:00 am Fellowship Time (Narthex)
11:20 am Adult Education (Dodds Hall)
Youth Group (Youth Room Second Floor)
Youth Choir (Choir Room)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20:

9am-1pm FPCI OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21:

9am-1pm FPCI OFFICE HOURS
7:00 pm AA Meeting (Dodds Hall)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22:

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
9:30 am Al-Anon (Fireside Room)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23: HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 pm Community Game Night (Dodds Hall)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, November 25.

SUNDAY, November 26:

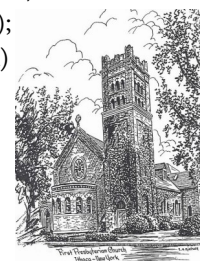
9:00 am Youth Choir meets in Choir Room
9:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Sunday School (Second Floor)
11:00 am Fellowship Time (Narthex)
11:30 am Hanging of the Greens!

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NOVEMBER 19, 2023: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!

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.*

*We want to remind everyone that this is a public building, and
that we are not immune to theft, as we learned again last Sunday.
Please take care of your belongings.*

PRELUDE. Andante espressivo; Andantino; F. Peeters
Andantino semplice; Moderato asai; Allegro maestoso

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne E. Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 100. Liturgist: Moo Eh Soe Mya
One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Serve the LORD with gladness;

One: Come into God's presence with singing.

All: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us; we are God's.

One: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

All: Enter their gates with thanksgiving, and their courts with praise!

One: For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: God's faithfulness endures to all generations.

* HYMN #712: "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" *Forest Green*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia A. 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.**

Time for silent confession.

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