

seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. *Time for silent confession.*

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: **And also with you.**

* PEACE RESPONSE:

Peace be with you, al - so with you.

Christ is our peace: peace - be with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME.

Children who go to Godly Play can follow the teachers to their room. When you pick up your children at 11:10 am from the second floor Godly Play room, please sign them out or provide other pick up instructions.

* HYMN #213: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" *Rathbun*

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24 p. 166 NT

THE GOSPEL: John 3: 13-17 p. 94 NT

One: The Word of the Lord
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Pilgrim's Hymn" *Stephen Paulus*

MESSAGE: "Ship of Fools."
"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing." - 1 Cor. 1:18.

* 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. A men, A - men. A - men!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS: 1 Peter 4:10
 One: As each has received a gift, let us use it to serve one another,
 All: **as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

OFFERTORY: Larghetto *S. Wesley*

* DOXOLOGY: *All Creatures*
**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 the Scots Confession, 1560.
**The cause of good works, we confess, is not our free will;
 but the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, who dwells in our hearts by true faith,
 brings forth such works as God has prepared for us to walk in.
 For as soon as the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, whom God's chosen children
 receive by true faith, takes possession of the heart of anyone, so soon
 does he regenerate and renew them; so that they begin to hate what
 before they loved, and to love what they hated before.
 Thence comes that continual battle which is between the flesh and the
 Spirit in God's children.**

**But the children of God fight against sin; sob and mourn when they find themselves tempted to do evil; and, if they fall, rise again with earnest and unfeigned repentance.
 We do these things, not by our own power, but by the power of the Lord Jesus, apart from whom we can do nothing. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 #804: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" *Marion*

* BENEDICTION.

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

A - men, A - men.
 A - men, A - men, A - men!

POSTLUDE: Toccata in e minor *J. Pachelbel*

Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex following the service - serving snacks and coffee, but most of all friendship.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Today in Adult Education:** Each week's service is centered around four Bible texts from the Hebrew scriptures, the Psalms, the Epistles, and the

Gospels. Join Kirianne to read and discuss the scriptures for next week. You may find your appreciation of the service deepened—and you might find your thoughts or ideas have become a part of the service!

- **Next Sunday in Adult Ed.** City Council Member Robert Cantelmo will tell us about Ithaca's new plan for Reimagining Public Safety—including police reform, racial justice, and the role of police and civilians in finding safe ways to respond to dangerous situations.
- **Youth Choir starts next Sunday!** All children and youth are invited to join our Youth Choir. Rehearsals are Sundays from 11:30 - 12:15 in the choir room downstairs. Contact Pastor Kirianne Weaver for more information (kirianne@firstpresithaca.org).
- **The church is being re-keyed** Monday through Wednesday of next week, September 19-21. If you are part of a group that needs access to the building, you will need a new key starting Wednesday 9/21. The office will be open that day from 8:30-5:30pm for you to sign up for a new key.
- **Youth Group:** The Youth Group has begun meeting, and we will continue meeting each Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Youth Room on the second floor. We have begun work on a service project which we hope to be unveiling in a few weeks. If you know someone in the 6th through 12th grades who would like to join us, just come to the Youth Room on Sunday morning or let Pastor Cindy know.

A Livestream of each Sunday's service is available to view anytime thereafter by subscribing to the First Presbyterian Church YouTube channel or by visiting the church website at: firstpresithaca.org.

For those for whom internet privacy is a concern, the livestream only shows the front of the sanctuary. Those seated in pews do not appear unless they approach the front of the sanctuary.

Our ushers this morning are

Geoffrey Lightfoote, Micah Beck, Saw Htoo, and Mee Ngae Soe

Our greeters are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harris Faulkner

The flowers today are given by Susan and Fred Van Sickle

“in celebration of the anniversary of Jim and Charlotte Van Sickle.”

We hold in our prayers: Ann Cedarholm; Bobbie Collyer; Elmer Ewing; Harris Faulkner; Tom Hurst; Nancy Jenkins; Betsy Mann; David Morey; Gayle Park; Jean and Mark Radice; Connie and Don Scott and family.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

9:00 am Youth Group
9:30am-12:30pm Nursery—with new attendant Abigail Gordon!
10:00 am Worship and Children's Church
11:00 am Fellowship Time
11:20 am Adult Education—Dodds Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

3:00 pm Kendal Communion

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

2:30 pm WMSL Committee Mtg (Zoom)
4:00 pm Adult Ed Committee Mtg (Zoom)
7:00 pm AA Meeting (Dodds)
7:00 pm Contra Dance Music—3rd Floor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

2:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm YMSS Committee Mtg (Zoom)
6:30 pm Finger Lakes Pipe Band—3rd floor
7:00 pm Personnel Committee Mtg (Zoom)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

6:30 pm Community Game Night—Dodds
7:00 pm Piperventilators (YFN) - 3rd Floor Rm 307
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: GOOD NEWS DUE

6:30 pm Theology on Tap (Meet at Rhine House)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

9:00 am Youth Group
9:30am-12:30pm Nursery
10:00 am Worship and Children's Church
11:00 am Fellowship Time
11:20 am Adult Education—Dodds Hall
11:30 am Youth Choir
3:00 pm ODE Open House

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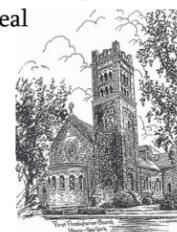
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SEPTEMBER 11, 2022: 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website.

Wearing a mask is optional, however we ask that you continue to monitor yourself and your family for any symptoms and follow the CDC and local health department guidelines if you feel ill or are directly exposed to the coronavirus.

Please write your name in the Friendship Pad, and if you need a nametag, put a star next to your name and one will be waiting for you in the narthex.

PRELUDE: Toccata in d minor *D. Buxtehude*

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 98* Liturgist: David Brown

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: **for God has done marvelous things!**

One: God's goodness has achieved the victory.

All: **The Lord's own self has made known the victory,**

One: and made known God's righteousness to the nations.

All: **God has reminded Israel of God's steadfast love;**

One: all earth has seen the victory of our God.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**

One: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

All: **Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and melody.**

One: Let the sea roar, and all that is in it!

All: **Let the hills sing together for joy - for God has come.**

Our acolyte today is Jacob Aguilar-Pacheco

* HYMN #826: "Lift High the Cross" *Crucifer*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia Weaver

O Lord, our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to

* Sitting or standing is a matter of custom and preference but not a requirement. You are invited to participate in whatever way makes you most comfortable.