

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.

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.

All: **And also with you.**

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

* PEACE RESPONSE:

Thomas Tallis

The peace of Jes - us be with you,
and peace be with your neigh - bor too,
and peace in - dwell - ing all that live,
a peace that on - ly God can give.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

D.C.E. Mylika Selah

Children who want to go to Sunday School (K-7) 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 #708: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Schumann

THE POETS: Psalm 46 p. 517-518 OT

THE TORAH: Deuteronomy 32: 7-11 p. 49 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: "A Refuge in the Storm."

"Remember the days of old; consider the years long past..." - Deuteronomy 32:7

* 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. A men, 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. "Stand By Me" Charles Albert Tindley
arr. Moses Hogan

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me

In the midst of persecution, stand by me.
When my foes in battle array, undertake to stop my way,
Thou who never lost a battle, Thou who knowest
all about me, Thou who rulest wind and water,
Stand by me.

* 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 Philippians 2: 5-11*

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus; who, though he possessed the form of God, did not cling to it—but emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant, assuming human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every other name — so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WE OFFER OUR PLEDGES TO GOD.

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

CHANT: **In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
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 and then join in a circle around the sanctuary, or to remain in your pew. Ushers will be available to take pledge cards 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.

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 AMEN.

POSTLUDE. Toccata #11 in G Minor J. Pachelbel

*Join us in the narthex for coffee and fellowship -
and after that for Adult Education in Dodds Hall!*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Today is Stewardship Sunday!** There are blank pledge cards in today's bulletin; if you have already pledged online or by mail but would like to bring a card forward, just write this on your card and add it to the basket, or simply join in the circle forming around the sanctuary. You may use the website to make your pledge (firstpresithaca.org) or use the QR code to the right at any time to make or change your pledge.
- **Today in Adult Education:** Christina Mead will facilitate a discussion on the report from the PC-USA task force on reparations. How we as Christians called upon to address past wrongs? What is our national church's stance on reparations? What other resources can we share with each other to further our understanding of this complicated issue? Join us @11:30 in Dodds Hall.
- **Next Sunday in Adult Education:** Did you know that FPC supports local, national, and global organizations that are accomplishing amazing things? Of course you did. But, do you know which organization we support? Would you like to learn and have a little fun while doing so? Glen Dowell, Chair of Missioners, will lead a discussion of the role of Mission at FPC Ithaca, focusing on the financial support we provide to other organizations. We will play a Jeopardy-style game to help educate you about our Mission efforts.
- **Yuletide Concert Dinner-** December 14 @6pm Saturday. Tickets are available NOW! Find a youth or Mylika in the Narthex after church. We still need MANY more volunteers to help in the kitchen, youth (4th grade+), musicians, and clean up crew. That's up to 20 volunteer roles still needed to have this event. Sign Up today!
- **Extra cookies at fellowship time for those who wear their nametags!** Just kidding. But, it's still a good thing to do, even when there's no sugary reward. Thank you, saints!



Yuletide Tickets

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Linda McLean.

Our ushers today are:

Bob Kohut, Kathy Lipinski, Brad McFall, and John Ullberg.

The flowers today are given by Deb Streeter and Tom Owens:

"In loving memory of Ron Streeter."

We hold in our prayers:

Helen Joyce Barclay; David Brown; Harris Faulkner; Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann; Linda Sharpe; and Vivian and Jim Russell.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, November 10: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11: VETERANS DAY

3:00-4:00 pm Kendal Communion (Kendal, Conference Room C)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12:

9:00-1:00pm FPCI Office Hours
 4:00-5:00 pm Adult Education Committee (Zoom)
 5:30-6:45 pm Worship, Music, and Spiritual Life (Zoom)
 6:00-7:00 pm YMSS Committee (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours
 9:30-10:30 am Wednesday Worship Meeting
 5:30-6:30 pm Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours
 9:00-10:00 am Building and Properties Committee (Heritage Room)
 2:00-7:00 pm Flight Performing Arts Voice Lessons (Choir Room)
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15:

9:00-1:00 pm FPCI Office Hours

SATURDAY, November 16:

10:00-12:00 pm Deacon Sunday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, November 17: DEACONS SUNDAY

9:00-10:00 am 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 am Adult Education (Dodds Hall)
 11:30 am Youth Choir (Choir Room)
 11:30 am Youth Group
 2:30-4:30 pm IWR (Dodds Hall)

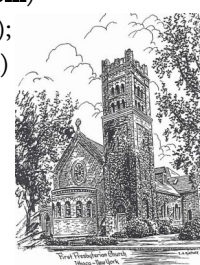
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NOVEMBER 10, 2024: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!

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.

PRELUDE: Sonata in A Major F. Mendelssohn

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 62* Liturgist: Moo Eh Soe Mya Soe

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence,

All: for my hope is from God.

One: God alone is my rock and my salvation;

All: my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

One: On God rests all my deliverance and my honor;

All: my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

One: Trust in the Lord at all times, O people.

All: Pour out your hearts before God;

One: for the Lord is a refuge on our behalf.

All: Those of low estate are but a breath;

One: those of high estate are a delusion.

All: In the balances they go up;

One: they are together lighter than a breath.

All: Once God has spoken, twice I have heard this:

One: Power belongs to God, and steadfast love to God alone.

All: We give thanks for you - a refuge in the storm.

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

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