

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.

After the Passing of the Peace, children K-8 can meet the teachers to enjoy "Summer Stretch" in the Sunday School room (for Bible videos, coloring pages, books, Legos, and a space to relax). Younger children may be dropped off at the nursery (ages 0-4), and ALL children should be signed out with teachers following the service.

* PEACE RESPONSE:

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

THE HISTORIES: 2 Samuel 11: 1-15 p.284-285 OT

THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 3: 14-21 p.193 NT

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

HYMN #288: "Spirit of the Living God" *Living God*
3x-remain seated

THE GOSPEL: John 6: 1-21 p.97-98 NT

THE MESSAGE: "The Other Side - Part 2." Rev. Cynthia Weaver

"When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself" - John 6:15

* HYMN #292: "As the Wind Song" *Wairua Tapu*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:
One: The Bible says, "Do not neglect to do good, and to share what you have;
All: **For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.** *Hebrews 13:16*

OFFERTORY: "Abide with Me" Eventide
Samuel Ofori, Piano

* 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 the Confession of 1967*

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference. The church labors for the abolition of all discrimination, and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. 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 #547 "Go My Children, with My Blessing" *Ar Hydy Nos*

* BENEDICTION.

* BLESSING:

POSTLUDE: "Hyira Yen, Hwe Yen So" *Twí Hymnal*
(Bless us and guide us) Doxology
Samuel Ofori, Piano

Please join us in the narthex for fellowship time and snacks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Summer Stretch!** Children will be welcome to come up to the Sunday School room on the second floor after the Passing of the Peace. This will be a free space for children to color, read, or watch a Bible video during the second half of the service. Sign your children out after!

- **Summer Bible Study:** Pastor Cindy and Pastor Kirianne are leading a summer-long Bible Study of 1 and 2 Samuel—books we have been reading from recently in church! Attend one or all—in the Heritage Room following fellowship time, at about 11:30-12:30.
 - **Wednesday Summer Picnic:** The fourth summer church picnic is this Wednesday, July 31 at 6pm! Bring a dish to pass or your own meal, or just bring yourself! Kiri is happy to pick up friends—text her at 607-882-1325. The picnic on the 31st is at the home of: Tara and Tim Riley (and Benjamin, Paul, and Hannah!) 507 Hanshaw Road Cayuga Heights. Phone: (607)272-0363
- If there are weather questions, call ahead—and we will send out a churchwide email too. If you would like to host a picnic, talk to Marilyn Ewing—we may have some open dates later in August!
- **Potluck Fellowship Time:** Our fellowship time is potluck—feel free to bring cookies or snacks that you are willing to share! And if you have a favorite coffee mixer (Oat milk? Hazlenut cream? Pumpkin spice?) let Kirianne know so you can enjoy your favorite coffee on Sunday mornings!
 - **Share your music with us this summer!** In the summer months when the choir takes a break, we love welcoming music provided by friends and family! Email our organist Ian Woods at ianwoods@gmail.com to schedule. If you'd like to sing with others, let Kirianne know—text 607-882-1325 or email kirianne.fpci@gmail.com!
 - **We have church umbrellas!** If you're at church and it starts to rain, we have new church umbrellas at the two Cayuga Street doors and at the Park door. Use them to get someone to the car in the rain, or to help a friend—and return them please so we can use them again next Sunday!

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Linda McLean.

Our ushers today are:

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

We hold in our prayers: David Brown; Harris Faulkner;

Carolyn Grulich, Bobbie Kohut's sister; Patricia Lopez' mother, Nohemy Hernández; Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann; Stella Martz's nephew, Charles; Tinny Oey; Gaw Phaw; Mark Radice; and Vivian and Jim Russell.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

- SUNDAY, JULY 28:**
 9:30-11:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 10:10 am Summer Stretch (K-7th)
 11:00 am Fellowship Time (Narthex)
 11:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Room)
 11:15-12:15 pm Youth Group (Second Floor)
- MONDAY, JULY 29:**
 9am-2pm Open Doors English (Third Floor)
 2-8pm Flight Voice Studio / Choir Room
- TUESDAY, JULY 30:**
 9am-1pm FPCI Office Hours
 9am-2pm Open Doors English (Third Floor)
 12-2pm Mah Jongg Group (Meditation Room)
 2-8pm Flight Voice Studio
 7-8pm AA Meeting (Dodds Hall)
 7-9pm Irish Music (Second Floor)
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 31:**
 9am-1pm FPCI Office Hours
 9am-2pm Open Doors English (Third Floor)
 9:30-10:30am Al Anon (Fireside Room)
 2-8pm Flight Voice Studio
 7-9:30pm Finger Lakes Pipe Band
- THURSDAY, AUGUST 1:**
 9am-1pm FPCI Office Hours
 9am-2pm Open Doors English (Third Floor)
 2-7pm Flight Voice Studio
 2-7pm Flight Performing Arts Voice Lessons (Choir Room)
 6:30-9pm Community Game Night (Dodds Hall)
 7-9pm YFN Music (Second Floor)
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 2:**
 9am-1pm FPCI Office Hours
 9am-2pm Open Doors English (Third Floor)
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 3.**
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 4:**
 9:30-11:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
 10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Fellowship Time (Narthex)
 11:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Room)
 11:15-12:15 pm Youth Group (Second Floor)

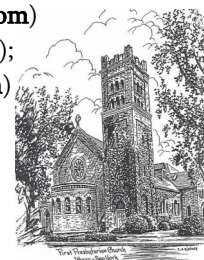
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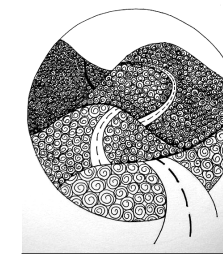
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JULY 28, 2024: TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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: "Beso Mensa Gyigye Me M'Agyenkwa Pa" Twi Hymnal
 (Hold my hand, dear Savior & protect me) PHB #518
 Samuel Ofori, Piano

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *from A Wee Worship Book*, Liturgist: Elder Tavie Flanagan
Fifth Incarnation

One: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

All: God was.

One: Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing.

All: God is.

One: In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust and human knowledge has been completed,

All: God will be.

One: Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: God was, God is, God will be.

* HYMN #37: "Let All Things Now Living" *Ash Grove*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer...

Time for silent confession.