

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.

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM: "Now Thank We All Our God"

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Children who want to go to Sunday School can follow the teachers to their room. When you pick up your children at 11:00 am

from the second floor, please sign them out or provide other pick up instructions. Younger children may be taken to the nursery (ages 0-4).

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

THE PROPHETS: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 p. 803-804 NT

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 31-46 p. 29 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: "Fed with Justice."

"I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak... I will feed them with justice." - Ezekiel 34: 16.

* GLORIA PATRI:

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

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

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

OFFERTORY. "Nettleton" arr. By C. Callahan

* 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: **Hymn #481** *Apostle's Creed*

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 #367: "Come, Labor On" *Ora Labora*

* BENEDICTION.

* CHORAL AMEN.

POSTLUDE. "Fanfare Fugue" J. S. Bach

Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex— followed by the Hanging of the Greens!

THANK YOU TO OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY,
SONDRA WAYMAN!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH:

- **Please join us for the Hanging of the Greens!** Right after the worship service, we invite anyone who wishes to join to transform the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. Greens go up, trees are erected, paper chains need to be made (thank you kids!) and we'll provide lunch. Thanks for any time you can spare!
- Because of the Hanging of the Greens, **there is no adult education today.**
- **Stewardship Sunday:** Thank you so much to everyone who participated in Stewardship Sunday. If you haven't pledged and can do so, our website has a link to an online form where you can offer your coming gifts to God.
- **Next Sunday in Adult Education: December 3-** David Neal will be leading us in a class on our Advent and Christmas music, particularly focusing on music for Lessons and Carols. December 3 will be the class, and December 10, the following Sunday, will be the service of readings, anthems and hymns. Join us!
- **December 9: Yuletide is coming!** You can purchase advance tickets to the Yuletide Concert Dinner from our youth in the narthex as we gather for coffee (before the Hanging of the Greens)! Stop by today after worship or swing by the website to reserve your spots. All are welcome and this dinner does a lot to help our youth go on trips and have special experiences together.

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.

- **Readers:** We are always looking for extra readers for the Lessons and Carols service, December 10, and the Christmas Eve service too. For the latter, non-reading parts are also available for those who can carry in tall boards for our sevenfold nativity scene. Talk to Kirianne if you can help!
- **Also, we need children and youth for the Christmas pageant!** Kirianne will be gathering everyone for rehearsals beginning after church on either December 3 or December 10. Talk to Kirianne to help—we need lots of characters to make all the scenes work!
- **Would you be interested in helping with a mission?** Every month our church provides a healthy hot meal at the Friendship Center, Ithaca’s shelter program helping the homeless (a program started at this church!). Pam Pospisil sends out an email request for dishes and organizes servers on the day to distribute the food with a smile. If you might like to help, just join the email list—no commitment necessary—by emailing church.fpci@gmail.com!

Be sure to look at the enclosed brochure about **How to Celebrate Advent and Christmas with us** - there is much to come!

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

Our ushers today are:

Bob Kohut, Brad McFall,

Kathy Lipinski, and John Ulberg

The flowers today are given

by Margaret Shackell – “In honor of my husband, Glen Dowell’s birthday”

We hold in our prayers:

Tom Hurst; Nita King; Betsy Mann; Mark Radice; Vivian and Jim Russell; and all those missing from our

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, November 26:

- 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 Youth Group (Youth Room Second Floor)
- Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 11:30 am Hanging of the Greens

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27:

- 9am-1pm FPCI OFFICE HOURS
- 6:00 pm SESSION MEETS in-person, Dodds Hall.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29:

- 9am-1pm FPCI OFFICE HOURS
- 9:30 am Al-Anon (Fireside Room)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

- 9am-1pm FPCI OFFICE HOURS
- 6:30 pm Community Game Night (Dodds Hall)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1:

- 9am-1pm FPCI OFFICE HOURS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2:

- 6:45 pm Pre-concert talk / Dodds Hall
- 7:30 pm NYS Baroque Christmas Concert!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3:

- 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)
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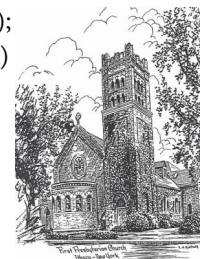
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NOV. 26, 2023: THE SUNDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

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.

PRELUDES. Fantasia J. Pachelbel
 Voluntary X from Ten Voluntaries, Opus V J. Stanley

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne E. Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100 Liturgist: Linda McLean
 One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into the LORD’s presence with singing.

One: Know that the LORD is God.

All: It is God that made us, and we belong to God.

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

All: Enter the LORD’s gates with thanksgiving and God’s courts with praise.

One: Gove thanks to the LORD, bless the LORD’s name.

All: For the LORD is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

* HYMN #336: “We Gather Together” *Kremser*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Cynthia A. Weaver, Ph.D.

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