

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 #445: "God, How Can We Forgive" *Leoni*

THE PROPHETS: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 p. 709 OT

THE GOSPEL: Luke 16: 1-13 p. 79 NT

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

Anthem "Lead Me, Lord" *S. S. Wesley*

MESSAGE: "Though It Is Not Ours to Give."

"Make friends for yourself by means of dishonest wealth." - Luke 16:9

* 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: 1 Timothy 6: 18-19

One: We are called to be generous and ready to share;
All: **thus taking hold of that which is truly life.**

OFFERTORY: Alla Sarabanda *R. V. Williams*

* 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 #738: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" *Maryton*

* BENEDICTION.

* CHORAL RESPONSE.

POSTLUDE: Prelude in d minor *J. S. Bach*

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:

- **We welcome Dr. David Neal, Director of the Chancel Choir!** Next Sunday you will see a new leader in front of the choir: Dr. David Neal, who comes to us with a wealth of experience. A native of Ithaca, David has performed as a bass-baritone soloist nationally since receiving a BA in Music and English from Cornell, and MM and DMA degrees from the Peabody Conservatory. He was most recently Music Director at Grace and Holy Spirit Church in Cortland where he directed the Arts at Grace concert series. He has conducted the Johns Hopkins Choral Society and the SUNY Cortland Choral Union. David, we are so excited to welcome you!
- **Today in Adult Education:** City Council Member Robert Cantelmo will tell us about Ithaca's new plan for Reimagining Public Safety. Mr. Cantelmo, who represents Fall Creek, has played an active role in the city's study of wide ranging issues such as police reform, racial justice, and the role of police and civilians in finding safe ways to respond to dangerous situations. The new plan is attracting national attention. Join us in Dodds Hall at 11:25.
- **Youth Choir starts today!** 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).

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

- **The church is being re-keyed** Monday through Wednesday of this 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.
- **Come celebrate the wedding of John Yao and Hector Chang!** This Saturday at noon, John and Hector welcome *everyone* in the congregation to gather for their wedding service with choir and communion in the sanctuary at noon, and a brief coffee reception in Dodds Hall to follow.
- **Next Sunday in Adult Ed.** Dr. Deborah Justice, who recently joined our church, leads us in learning about traditional and contemporary church music and how it has been used to negotiate the church's position amidst national cultural shifts - the topic of her newly published book, "(White) Washing Our Sins Away: American Mainline Churches, Music, Power, and Diversity."
- **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

Rick Vaughan, Judy Vaughan, Deborah Streeter, and Tom Owens

Our greeters are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harris Faulkner

The flowers today are given by Margaret Munchmeyer

"in loving memory of Louis Wells Munchmeyer, Jr."

We hold in our prayers: Ann Cedarholm; Bobbie Collyer; Elmer Ewing; Tom Hurst; Nancy Jenkins; Nita King; Betsy Mann; Martha Mapes; Gayle Park; and Connie and Don Scott and family.

We remember the family of David Morey in our prayers following his death September 13, 2022.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

- 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
- 11:30 am Youth Choir—Choir room, lower level
- 3:00 pm ODE Open House

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: RE-KEYING THE CHURCH DAY 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: RE-KEYING THE CHURCH DAY 2

- 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Dodds)
- 7:00 pm Contra Dance Music—3rd Floor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: RE-KEYING THE CHURCH DAY 2

SESSION MATERIALS DUE

- 8:30 am—5:30 pm **Pick up new Keys for church**
- 2:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Finger Lakes Pipe Band—3rd floor
- 7:00 pm Membership Connections Committee Mtg

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:

- 12:00 pm John Yao and Hector Chang's Wedding: Reception to follow in Dodds Hall.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

- 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—Choir room, lower level

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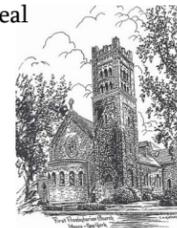
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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022: 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

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: Andante moderato, Canon *L. Vierne*
Prelude from 24 Pièces en Style Libre

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *from 1 Timothy 2.* Liturgist: Harris Faulkner

One: God, our Savior, desires everyone to be saved,
All: and to come to the knowledge of truth.
One: For there is one God.
All: There is also one mediator between God and humanity:
One: Christ Jesus, himself human,
All: who gave himself as a ransom for all.
One: This was attested to at the right time.
All: For this, we have been appointed heralds,
One: apostles, teachers, proclaimers, emissaries:
All: that God's love may reach all peoples,
One: in faith and in truth.
All: Let us worship God!

Our acolyte today is Moo Eh Soe Mya

* HYMN # 409: "God Is Here!" *Abbot's Leigh*

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.