

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING and JOYS & CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*) 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *played & sung by Kathy Wallace*

"Ceaseless Praise," by Frances Ridley Havergal, arranged by Tom Fettke

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ **DOXOLOGY:** (*unison*) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Go Out as God's People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn** **HoF #169** "Because He Lives"

✠ **BLESSING & CHARGE / VISION & MISSION** (*responsively*):

To walk in the light of God;

making JESUS known is FIRST at First!

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dismissal of after worship Sunday school youth, teachers, & assistants.

✠ **POSTLUDE** by Tracy (Yu) Qian

After service please join us in the upstairs hall for coffee & conversation.

If you are **visiting** today, we thank you for coming & hope you return soon.

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What Good God is Doing at FPC!



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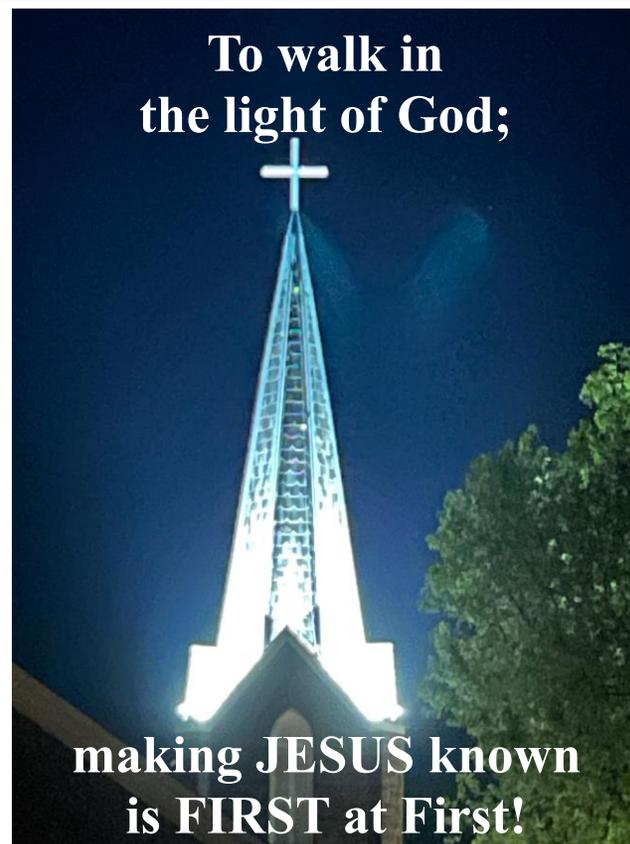
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Today's Worship Leaders:

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

Officer Assisting: Jean Johnson

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

September 25, 2022 **The Lord's Day Worship** 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

(Those not wanting to be seen on the video recording, please sit under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Jean Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See insert.)*

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu) Qian

↑ stand as able

↑ **CALL To WORSHIP:** Psalm 31:6b-7a *(responsively):*

As for me, I trust in the Lord.

I will be glad and rejoice in your love.

↑ **Opening Hymn HoF #46:** "Fairrest Lord Jesus"

↑ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *derived from Psalm 31:1-5 (unison):*

Though admittedly I have acted in ways against your will, now in you, Lord, I have taken refuge... deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name, lead and guide me. Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

(Pause in silent confession.) Amen.

↑ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** *(responsively)*

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

↑ **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** *(unison)* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

↑ **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 *(unison)*

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

↑ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE:

(Church Era: Deacons) **Acts 6:15 & 7:54-56** N.T. p. 1558 & 1561

Exodus 34:29: When Moses came down from Mount Sinai... he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.

(Gospel) **Matthew 5:16:** ...Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven...

17:2-3: There [Jesus] was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with them...

28:2-3: There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning...

(Era of Kings) **1 Samuel 9:2** King Saul is "handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, & he was a head taller than anyone else."

16:7 of David to be king: "Do not consider his appearance or his height... The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

(Epistles) **2 Corinthians 11:3 & 13:** "...deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone come to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough... For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as a servant of righteousness."

Revelation 22:5, 16: There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever... "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root & the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

SERMON:

"Looked Up to Heaven"

by the Reverend Janet Hufford

Response to God's Word

↑ **Hymn HoF #303:** "Be Thou My Vision"