

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m. TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 14, 2021

*"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Processional on "Hymn to Joy" Robert J. Powell

INTROIT Just a Closer Walk with Thee Berry/Van Valey, arrg.
Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Youth Choir Chimes

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN** No. 36 *Tune: AR HYD Y NOS*
For the Fruit of All Creation

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed, and our fears about material security. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** *Tune: AZMON*
Lord, teach us all an attitude that thanks You all our days,
A love that shows our gratitude through deeds that live our praise.

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune George F. Handel
Jonathan Swygert and Paul Lott, trumpeters

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, if you would speak to us now, enable us to hear; if you would have dealings with us now, prepare us to respond; if you would use us now, make us grateful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 67 Page 529

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Page 183

SERMON "Commitment" Rev. Roberts

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Declaration of Faith, 1977
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. Amen.

***HYMN** No. 652 Tune: ROCKINGHAM
A Grateful Heart

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

LITANY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: Declare the Lord's glory among the nations,
People: The marvelous works of the Lord among all the peoples.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

***HYMN** No. 644 Tune: ES FLOG EIN
Give Thanks, O Christian People

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE** Natalie Sleeth
Go Now in Peace

***POSTLUDE** All Creatures of Our God and King Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*Congregation please stand.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR marks the beginning of the Lord's Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

PREACHING is Rev. Paul Timothy Roberts, Sr., president of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary since 2010. A graduate of Princeton University and Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, he was the minister of Church of the Master, a multi-cultural congregation in Atlanta, 1997-2010.

PRESENTING A MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP is Bill Sparks, a member of the Stewardship Campaign Committee.

A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW WORSHIP today in Stewart Hall. Danny Cohen and Diane Rick will sing and Robert Bennett will provide an early tally for pledges for 2022.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet on Monday, November 15 from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m., at the Holland House, 601 East 68th Street. Come enjoy a good breakfast and warm fellowship!

GREETER: Charlotte Keenoy... **USHERS:** Jim Baker, head usher; Joshua Brooks, Eliza Brooks, Hank Gloss, and Charlotte Keenoy... **ACOLYTE:** Noble Peteranetz... **EXTENDED SESSION**
TEACHERS: Emily Salzer, Kimberly Price, Braiden Peteranetz, and Trennon Peteranetz.

A GRACIOUS CHRISTMAS – DECEMBER 2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 14	9:20 a.m.....	Handbell Choir
	9:30 a.m.....	Sunday School, all ages
	10:20 a.m.....	Youth Choir Chimes, sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.....	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.....	Stewardship Reception
	5:30 p.m.....	Youth Dinner
	6:00 p.m.....	Fellowship/Devotion
Monday, Nov. 15	6:00 p.m.....	Handbell Quartet, Room 110
Wednesday, Nov. 17	5:30 p.m.....	Cherub choir
	6:00 p.m.....	Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
	6:30 p.m.....	Carol/Treble choirs
	6:45 p.m.....	Program
	7:30 p.m.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Nov. 18	11:00 a.m.....	Endowment Committee Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.....	A Gracious Christmas Preview Party
	8:00 p.m.....	AA Meeting, John Knox Room
Friday, Nov. 19	10:00 a.m.....	Centering Prayer, Library

WELCOME TO ALL If you are a newcomer, please sign the friendship register at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to the minister. Coffee and juice are served at 10:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall. Large print bulletins are available for worshipers. Please speak to one of the ushers. Children's worship bags, designed to help children participate in worship more meaningfully, are also available. Children five and younger may go to the Preschool for Extended Session following the children's sermon.

BACKPACK BUDDIES BOOK DRIVE A \$5 contribution will provide a "Backpack Buddies" child at Pulaski Elementary School a new book for Christmas. Please visit the Backpack Buddies table after the service. Make checks payable to the church with the notation "Backpack Books."

SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS Presbyterian Women of Savannah Presbytery are gathering items as Christmas gifts for residents of Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments. A list of items can be found at www.savannahpresbytery.org or in the church office. Bring unwrapped presents to the receptionist's office or the basket in the Narthex by Sunday, November 28th. For more information, contact Allison Johnson at ajsellssavannah@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS rehearse on Wednesdays. The Cherub Choir (ages 3-Kindergarten) rehearses from 5:30-6:00 p.m. The Carol (1-2 graders) and Treble (3-5 graders) choirs rehearse from 6:30-7:25 p.m. Children's choirs provide music training, singing, ORFF, and worship education. Contact Susan at susan@savannahfpc.org for registration information.

ONLINE GIVING Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to First using our secure online portal which can be found at www.savannahfpc.org by clicking on the Give Now tab at the top right corner of the home page or by scanning our QR code using your smartphone's QR reader. Offering plates are also in the Narthex for your convenience.

YOUTH CHOIR CHIMES will not rehearse today.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17 program begins at 6:45 p.m. in Stewart Hall. Marilyn Borst will speak on "The Church in Syria." The dinner line opens at 6:00 p.m. featuring spaghetti and meatballs, house salad, green beans, French bread and dessert. For reservations contact judith@savannahfpc.org - \$6/adults, \$2/child under 12.

AT LEAST TWENTY Afghan families will soon arrive in Savannah sponsored by Inspiritus (formerly Lutheran Refugee Services). Pending Session approval, the church will provide financial support to help a family with housing, meals, transportation and job training. A team of up to eight volunteers will visit them weekly, helping with English and homework. First has welcomed several refugee families over the years. Safe, affordable housing—rent will be paid by refugee services—is the most critical need. If you know about housing or want to volunteer, please contact Linda Wittish, chair of the Social Concerns Committee.

POINSETTIA, WREATH AND GARLAND ORDER FORM

Seasonal decorations for Advent and Christmastide will have two categories for contributions: poinsettia (\$12) and wreath and garland (\$60). The poinsettias will form an arrangement in the chancel, and the wreaths and garlands will decorate the sanctuary and Stewart Hall.

Each poinsettia or wreath and garland can be given as an honorarium or memorial. Please use this form to provide the names and information. Deadline for payment is Monday, November 29.

No. ___ Poinsettias @ \$12 each Total: \$ _____

Given in memory/honor _____ Name of donor _____

No. ___ Wreaths and Garlands @ \$60 each Total: \$ _____

Given in memory/honor _____ Name of donor _____