



Twenty-Second
Sunday after
Pentecost
November 9,
2025



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“The Lord’s Name Be Praised”

Wagner

Welcome

Call to Worship

How lovely is the dwelling place of God, the Lord of all.

Our souls long to be at home with God, to sing with joy in honor of the Creator.

We are blessed to be part of God’s household, belonging to God’s family.

We lean on God for strength; our hearts are the place of worship and praise.

A day with God is better than a thousand elsewhere.

We would rather be servants in God’s house than the guest of honor in the world’s palaces.

For in God is light and life. God protects and defends and bestows gifts with generosity.

Our faith is in the Lord. Blessed are we, the people and family of God!

Songs of Praise

“Jesus, All for Jesus”
“Blessed Be Your Name”
“Just as I Am”

J. Atkins
Redman, et al.
#627

Prayer of Confession

Generous Father, giving causes you great happiness. Thank you for gladly desiring to give us the Kingdom of Heaven. Forgive us for doubting your generous heart. We battle unbelief and even sweat the small stuff. Fears and anxieties about temporal things consume us: What we eat, what we drink, what we wear, how we look, where we live, and how much we make. Forgive us for our hot pursuit of other things more than you and your kingdom. Too often we live as if we are owners and not stewards. Too often our sense of identity comes from what we do instead of to whom we belong. We are your servants and you are our master. Have mercy upon us and pardon us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Rainy Birch

Time for Young Disciples

Chris Watkins

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Sermon

“Lighten Your Load”

Pastor Matt

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response "Faith Begins by Letting Go" #852

Minute for Ministry Christmas Gift Cards

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

"Take, O Take Me as I Am" (*sing twice*) #741

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

Prayers of the People

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 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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" #543

Benediction

Postlude *Andante* Schalk

Leading in Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Rainy Birch

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols

Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Dick Chambers, Iantha Frazer

Media Team (varies): Ruth Brown, Wayne Brown, Dan Cobb, Jody Cox, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair, Michele Haworth, Todd Haworth, Bonnie McCloskey, Bruce McCloskey, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Dorita Reed, Paul Stutesman, Mark Wendt

Slides: Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes

Next Week's Worship, Sunday, November 16, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost--Pie Sunday

Pastor Matt will be preaching (fpcpa.org/worship).

Philippians 1:3-11, *Luke 12:41-48; "A Slice of Heaven"

Jesus continues to teach his disciples about stewardship as a faithful expression of God's kingdom and a way for them to be always ready in God's sight. The parable of the faithful or unfaithful slave uses images that are not easy for us to relate to, and some of which are violent and disturbing. Yet there is a simple message at the heart of the parable that transcends time, place, and culture: the gifts we receive from God come with the expectation that we will use them faithfully in advancing God's kingdom. Think of it this way: each blessing we receive from God is more than just a slice of heaven, it is like getting a whole pie—and everyone knows that pies taste best when shared!

Announcements, November 9 - 16

Naomi Circle, Monday, November 10, 1 pm, Fellowship Hall

Praise Team, Monday, November 10, 5:45 pm, Sanctuary

Veterans' Day, Tuesday, November 11, Office Closed

Fish Co., Tuesday, November 11, 8 am, Zoom

Youth Christian Formation, Tuesday, November 11, 5:30 pm, Zoom

Men's Breakfast Group, Wednesday, November 12, 9 am, Fairmount Diner

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday, November 12, 9 am, Upstairs Classroom

Familiar Stranger Class, Thursday, November 13, 7 pm, Zoom

Mexican Train Dominos, Saturday, November 15, 2 pm, Fellowship Hall

Commitment (Pie) Sunday, November 16, between both services: Please bring pre-sliced pies.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 16, 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall - We will vote on Pastor Matt's Terms of Call.

Last Week's Attendance: 8:30 56, 11:00 no report, Online 23; All Saints' Online, 29

Slideshow this week: Bruce & Bonnie's Kodiak Adventures

November Question of the Month:

What does practicing the presence of God mean to you?