FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.



WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 19, 2025 - 11:00AM 19th Sunday after Pentecost

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Who we are made to be: that is up to God. How we use what God designed: that is up to us. We can use our talents in many ways. Some benefit the world. Some benefit only us. Some are of no benefit to anyone. — *Will Willimon*

PRELUDE Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten A.D. Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Doug Marshall

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Toby Eberhart

MOMENT FOR SESSION Steve Huntington

INTROIT Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven John Goss

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lamentations 3:22-23 Dr. Marshall

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

His mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning;

O God, great is your faithfulness.

Let us worship our faithful God.

*HYMN 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Judy Grune

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, forgive the fear that keeps us from exploring your kingdom. Forgive the selfishness that holds us back from generous living. Forgive the pride that prevents us from being good neighbors. Forgive the doubt that limits our delight in Your goodness. Speak the word, and we will be new creatures. Say the word of grace, and we will live to Your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 44:22

Listen to God's word of forgiveness:

"I have swept away your sins like a cloud."

"I have scattered your offenses like the morning mist."

"Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

O people of God, hear the Good News:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Praise the Lord!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Sam Harding

Children attending Kids' Church may meet Mrs. Patterson in the Narthex.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30 (NT, pg. 28) Dr. Doug Marshall

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Journey to Joy

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.

OFFERING

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

arr. Don McAfee

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways; He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days; who trust in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still and wait His leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content. To take whate'er the Father's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent; Nor doubt our inmost wants are known to Him who chose us for his own.

O sing, sing, sing, and keep His ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully.

And trust, trust, trust His word though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.

God never yet forsook in need the soul that trust in Him indeed.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

For the Life That You Have Given

Carl Daw, Jr.

For the life that You have given, for the love in Christ made known; with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are Your own: Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve You, living what we pray and sing.

*POSTLUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott l**ä**sst walten, BWV 642

Johann Sebastian Bach

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall, Bridge Pastor (doug@fcpc.us)

Toby Eberhart, Moment for Stewardship

Steve Huntington, Moment for Session

Judy Grune, Liturgist

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

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For Children and Families during 11:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children may join a pastor at the front of the sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Lowest Level**, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (next to the Nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights, page 5, for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance. If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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