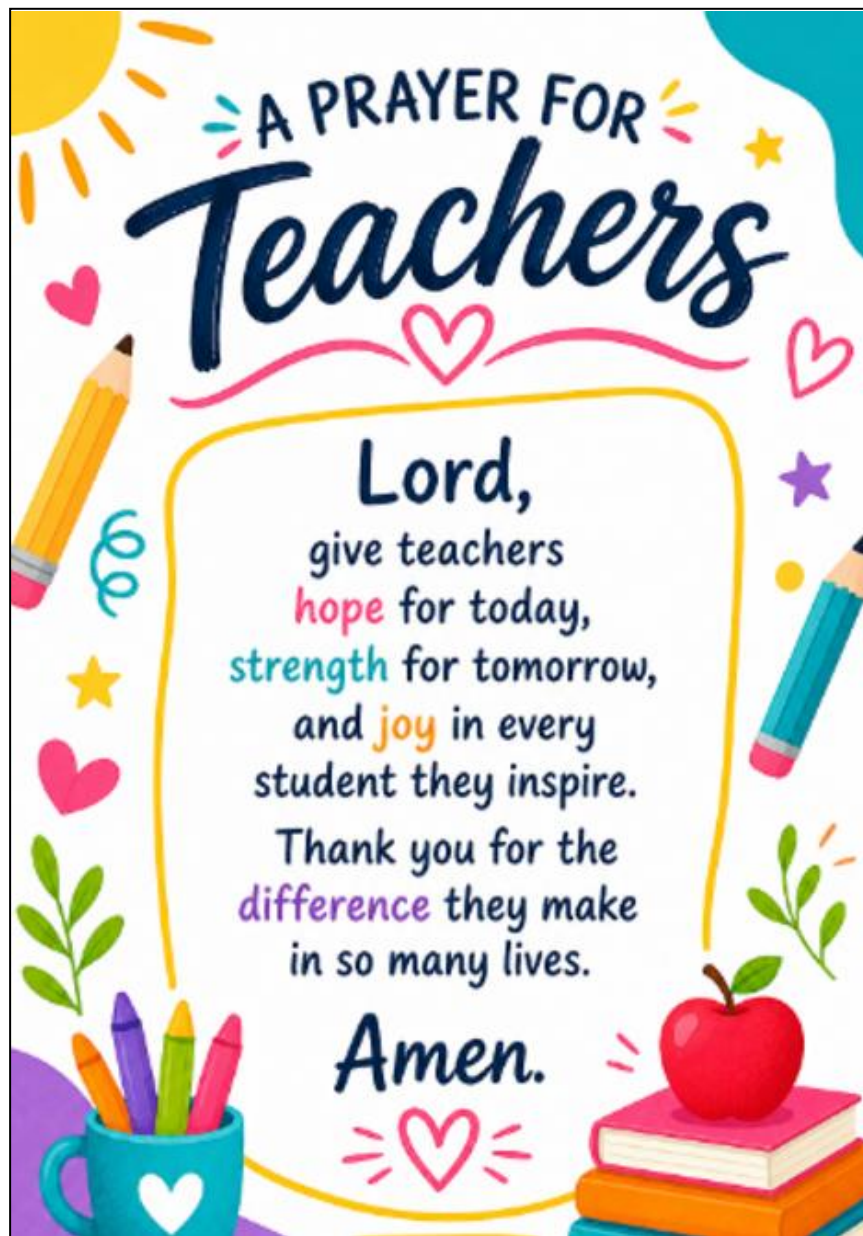


FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Traditional Worship

September 27, 2026

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FCPC PRESCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION

Sam Harding

INTROIT

Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart

arr. Geoff Weaver

Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95: 6-7

Come bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our maker.

This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment.

Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sam Harding

Children attending Kids' Church or Sunday School may meet in the Narthex following the Children's Message..

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 21:23-32 (NT, pg. 23)

Lynn Rueter

Philippians 2:1-13 (NT, pg. 197)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Freedom of Not Being the Center

Rev. Cheryl Khylllep

*HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of Belhar 10.3

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active, in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Ancient Words

Lyn DeShazo

*Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart. Oh let the ancient words impart.*

*Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where we roam, ancient words will guide us home.*

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh let the ancient words impart.*

*Holy words of our faith handed down to this age;
Came to us through sacrifice. Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.*

*Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh let the ancient words impart.*

*In this world where we roam, ancient words will guide us home.
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*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 836

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Danish Amen
Amen, amen, amen.*

*POSTLUDE

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** Please stand as you are able.*

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Interim Pastor (john@fcpc.us)
The Rev. Cheryl Khylllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)
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S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)
Sam Harding, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry (sam@fcpc.us)
Howard Havlicsek, Audio Engineer
Alex Shroyer, Livestream (alex@fcpc.us)
Tommy Caldwell, Caretaker

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 ages 3 years to 2nd grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to Kids Kingdom Room 310 (Lowest Level), where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Children ages 3rd to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Sunday School prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to Kids Kingdom Room 302 (Lowest Level), where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Kids Kingdom Room 306 (Lowest Level).

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

See Highlights, page 3, 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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