

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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 - 11:00AM
16th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on)Melcombe

C. Hubert H. Parry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cate Mettenburg

INTROIT

O Day of Peace

C. Hubert H. Parry

*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams[
guide us to justice[truth[and love[delivered from our selāsh schemes–
May swords of hate fall from our hands[our hearts from envy And release[
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ-s promised reign of peace–*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 5:19-20

Sing psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit.

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

Always give thanks to God the Father;

Give thanks for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come, Christians, join to sing!

*HYMN 267

Come[Christians[Join to Sing

MADRID

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Polly Swanson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image. Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's love is greater than our sin.

God's mercy is greater than our failures.

God's peace transforms our lives.

God's promise brings us hope.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! 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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NT, pg. 181)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Different View

The Rev. Ralph Lowe

*HYMN 286

Breathe on Me[Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*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.

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

Rejoice(Salvation s Come(

John Dalles & Glenn Rudolph

Why am I thankful ev ry day— Because I know salvation is found along Christ s upward way[my source of jubilation(My happy heart will soar above[because of Jesus wondrous love(Rejoice(Salvation s come(

And should my way be hard to Ānd[with shadows deep around me[I trust the One who s good and kind[yes[Christ the Lord has found me(My happy heart will soar above[because of Jesus wondrous love(Rejoice(Salvation s come(

Come happy ones from all around of ev ry land and nation[and revel in salvation s sound} join in the celebration(My happy heart will soar above[because of Jesus wondrous love(Rejoice(Salvation s come(

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God[from whom all blessings Āow-praise God[all creatures here below-praise God above[ye heav nly host-praise Father[Son[and Holy Ghost— Amen—

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 295**

Go to the World(

SINE NOMINE

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord[to help to set the captive free[make plowshare out of sword[to feed the hungry[quench their thirst[make love and peace our fast[to serve the poor and homeless Ārst[our ease and comfort last—

***POSTLUDE**

Monologe I. Con moto

Josef Rheinberger

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* An invitation to rise as you are able.

Participants Today

The Rev. Ralph Lowe, Guest Preacher
Cate Mettenburg, Announcements
Polly Swanson, Liturgist
Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)
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Nellie Boehm, Caretaker (nellie@fcpc.us)

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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