

God is able
to provide you with every
blessing
in
abundance,
so that by always having
enough of everything,
you may share abundantly...



2 Corinthians 9:8

*The Service for the Lord's Day
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 21, 2018*

Boldface type indicates a spoken response.
The asterisk (*) is an invitation to stand if able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Let love be genuine... love one another with mutual affection” (*Rom. 12:9-10*).

“Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers” (*Rom 12:13*).

This is the will of God for us, the nature of God's love toward all.

When we were strangers God welcomed us, fed us with food from heaven, and clothed us with the forgiving love of Christ.

We recall God's graciousness toward us, and come together to worship the God of goodness and hospitality.

*OPENING HYMN #612

We Praise You, O God

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God creates abundantly,
Yet that very abundance can obscure our vision of the Creator.
In Christ God gives us new life with great abundance of love,
But our own poverty of spirit blocks our vision of the Savior.
Let us ask God to remove everything
That keeps us from seeing God's grace.
Please join in our common prayer of confession.

Our heads, hearts and hands are vulnerable to fear, and fear causes us to grasp for control and cling to anything that seems to offer security.

Letting go is to stop grasping and clinging, and it requires trust. Loving God, we have fallen short of placing our full trust in you.

Forgive us for underestimating the truth and joy of living as the stewards you call us to be. Uncover our misplaced cautions and guide our hearts to the transformation that comes from faith that acts in love.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Paul assures us of God's reconciling graciousness when he writes, "You know the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." In Christ we may dwell in the richness of God's favor, and rest assured in the fullness of God's redeeming forgiveness.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #711 *Lord of All Good* (verse 3)**

***SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST (Please place prayer request cards in baskets)**

**** *Please be seated.***

HYMN #712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Nancy Bierenga

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Vella Caruso

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3:6-10 [p. 890 OT]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 [p. 183 NT]

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *"Is This Overdoing it a Bit?"* Pastor Jim Rausch

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

Registration of Attendance

OFFERTORY

Trust in the Lord

Chancel Choir

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (verse 3)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to eternal life, a way of self-giving in deeds of love and mercy. As expression of our desire to grow in loving you with all our heart and soul, mind and strength, we make this offering as evidence of love for neighbors in need. And we pledge ourselves to embody love further in directly serving those to whom you guide us. Bless us, encourage us, and use us for your grace-filled purposes, we pray.

* CLOSING HYMN #295

Go to the World!

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

LAY LITURGIST: Jon DeVoogd; *GREETERS:* Mary Ellen Willcox, Lowell & Roxanne Kinney; *USHERS:* Bill & Peggy Schaefer, Quinn & Linda Champion; *OFFERING COUNTERS:* Sam Hollar & Jim Watson; *AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY:* Kay Ostrom & Carol Moore

Household Prayer: Morning

Whether I wake to birdsong or sirens
or the deep silence before dawn,
I awake to your presence,
most gracious God.
Enable me to trust completely in you
as I meet the challenges of this new day.
Make me watchful for your grace at work;
may all I do be a testament to your glory.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As I give myself over to sleep, dear Lord,
I thank you for the gift of rest.
Let me relinquish the cares of the day.
Forgive the ways I have failed you.
Restore me to you and renew my faithfulness,
that I may awake to serve you more,
for Jesus' sake. Amen.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome Guests! We're so glad you joined our church family in worship today. Please join us following the worship service in the chapel for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

This morning's flowers have been provided by Greg and Deryl Boughton in appreciation of Pastor Jim and Chris Rausch.

Please join other Presbyterians and churches of the PC(USA) in taking steps that lead to the wholeness and well-being of peace. ***Please give generously to the Peace and Global Witness Offering received throughout the month of October.*** Envelopes can be found in the pew racks.

We are looking for volunteers for the 4th annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 27th! Host a car, help run games, be an ambassador or just donate candy. Sign up in the hall or see Arisha with questions.

The ***Men's Breakfast*** at the Cherokee Restaurant will be held on Wednesday, October 24th at 8:00 a.m. Sidney Shaw will discuss the process of how the state's congressional and legislative district lines are drawn now versus who would draw the district lines based on proposition 2, which is on the November ballot.

Performance Reviews: Each year the Personnel Committee reviews the performance of each employee of our church. This is a formalized time to recognize many of the accomplishments and contributions of our dedicated employees. Feedback from members of the congregation should be a very important part of these review sessions. For this to occur, we need your input. If you are especially pleased and have been looking for a way to let people know, this is a great time to be heard. If there is an area of performance that needs additional attention, this is also a very good time. Please complete the form and place it in the yellow box found in the narthex or in Julie Stewart's mailbox.

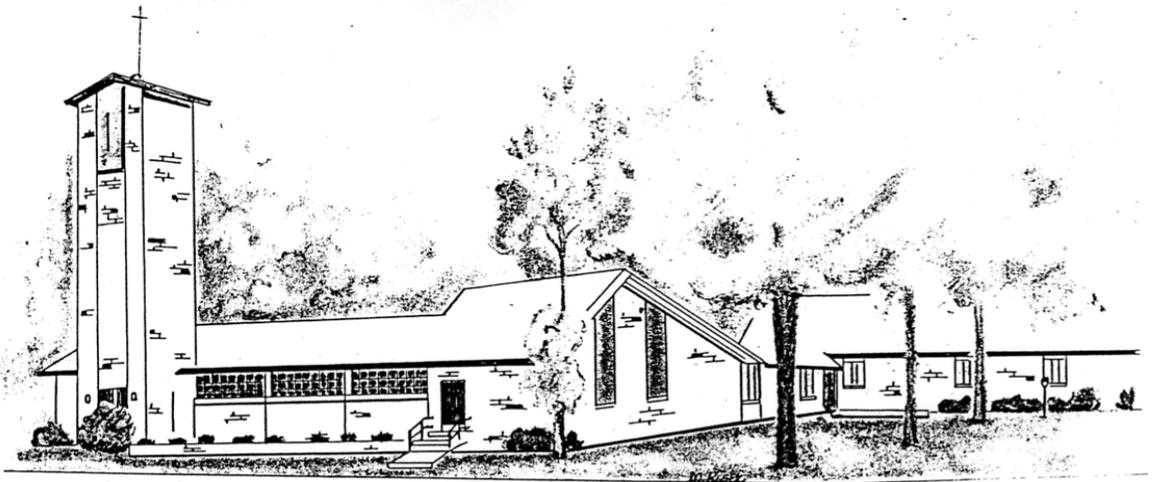
WEEKLY COLLECTION AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET 2018 BUDGETED INCOME

Amount needed each week	Amount collected last week
\$6,660.80	(10/14/18) \$6,907.00
Actual Income is \$12,478 less than Budgeted income through September 2018	

Twelve (11) Sundays left in 2018 as of 10/14/18

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FPC

10/21/18 Sunday	8:30 am	Joyful Ringers
	9:15 am	Choir Warm-up
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Hospitality
	5:00 pm	Family Promise
10/22/18 Monday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
	3:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Family Promise
10/23/18 Tuesday	9:30 am	Moms Workout Group
	5:00 pm	Family Promise
	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 pm	Gentle Yoga
10/24/18 Wednesday	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	5:00 pm	Family Promise
10/25/18 Thursday	10:00 am	Chair Yoga
	5:00 pm	Family Promise
10/26/18 Friday	9:30 am	Gentle Yoga
	5:00 pm	Family Promise
10/27/18 Saturday	5:00 pm	Family Promise
	6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
10/28/18 Sunday	8:30 am	Joyful Ringer
	9:15 am	Choir Warm-up
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Hospitality
	5:00 pm	Youth Group Halloween Party



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