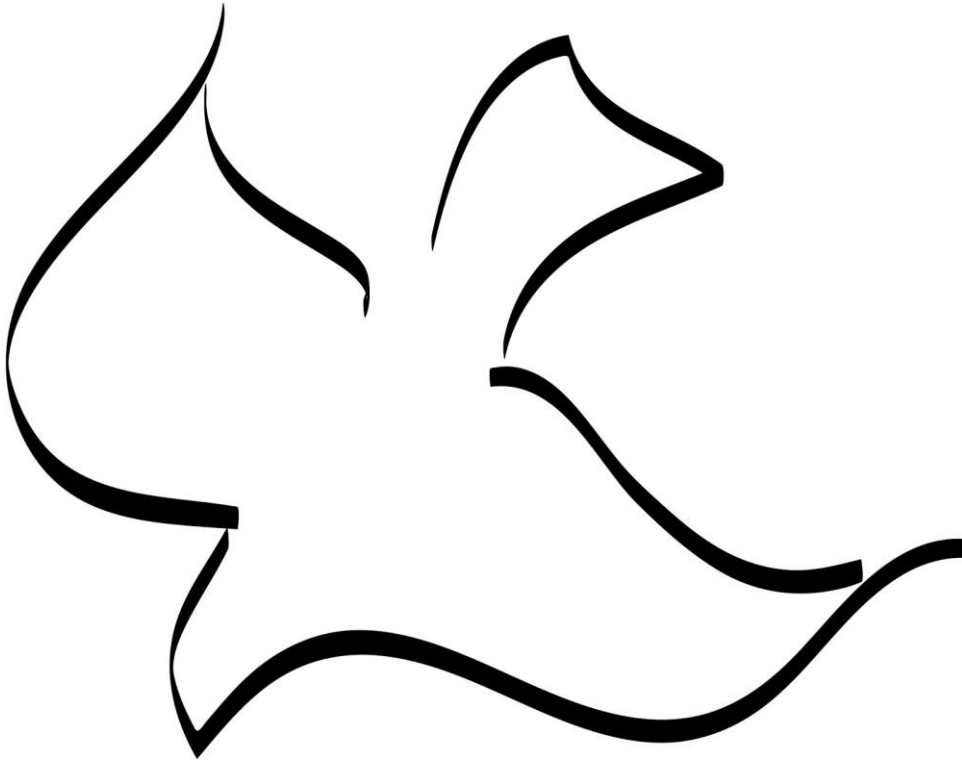


First Presbyterian Church

402 North Ship Street, Portland, Indiana 47371
www.firstpcportland.org 260-726-8462



Our Vision Statement

“To provide a ministry which will lead people to strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ and reach out with God’s love.”

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Sentences

***Doxology** - all to sing

No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God’s greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim . . .

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Leader: God stretched the heavens across the sky;

People: let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

Leader: God raised mountains above the depths;

People: let us gather in wonder before them.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** [“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”](#)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

O Lord, you have taught us that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant, and whoever seeks to be first must be last and servant of all. Still, O Lord, we are like James and John, seeking seats of glory. We organize our lives around ladders to climb, not realizing that we are stepping on people whom you love. Forgive us, O Christ, and teach us to follow in your way, for the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. God’s grace and mercy are never ending. This is good news!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing “Gloria Patri” No. 579

*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.*

***We Share God’s Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God’s peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading [Job 38:1-7, 34-41](#) (NRSV)

Hymn (seated) “Jesus Loves Me” No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children’s Message

(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading [Hebrews 5:1-10](#) (NRSV)

Sermon

“Prayers and Supplications”

The Lord answered

The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord’s Prayer (‘debts’ and debtors’)

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** [“How Great Thou Art”](#)

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

***Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

Lectionary readings for October 27, 2024

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52