



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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*Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost*  
*November 8, 2020*

**THE PRELUDE**

Marilyn Seel

**WELCOME**

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Vs. 1-4)**

1. Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.
2. Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
3. A thousand ages in Thy sight, Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night, Before the rising sun.

4. Time, like an ever rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream, Dies at the opening day.

## **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

**People: For God is our salvation.**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

**People: For God is great.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Mike Clark

## **FIRST READING**

*Amos 5: 18-24*

Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Rev. Mike Clark

**Loving God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
by not honoring you or loving one another.  
When we ignore injustice in the world  
our worship brings you no delight.  
Make haste to help us,  
that we may stand in right relationship  
with you and the whole of your creation  
and sing your praises  
through the mercy of Christ,  
our resurrected Savior. Amen. (Silent confession)**

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Mike Clark

Sisters and brothers,  
rejoice and be glad,  
for God is mighty to save  
and comes to you in peace  
to forgive, restore, and strengthen you  
eternally in Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **THE GLORIA PATRI (UNISON)**

**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.**

*Psalm 70*

Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

**OFFERING**

Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

**THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON)**

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

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

**O great and loving God, we give you thanks  
that you have given your faithful people  
a love for justice and the gift of generosity.  
Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness  
as we await the coming of your peace. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** *1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18* Kay Kunkel, Lay Reader

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Mike Clark

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**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.**

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Rev. Mike Clark

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Mike Clark

**THIS WE BELIEVE (UNISON)**

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

**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 into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Clark

BENEDICTION

Rev. Mike Clark

POSTLUDE

Marilyn Seel

**Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas 2020**

Campus Ministries & Hospital Chaplains and Counselors

**Church Finances:**

Weekly contributions needed: \$2,327.28

Amount deposited the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>: \$1,715.00

**Weekly deficit for the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>: \$612.28**

**The First Presbyterian Church Annual Budget is: \$123,348.00**

**DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY THE CHURCH TO PICK UP YOUR OPERATION  
CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES AND LETS MAKE LOTS OF BOXES!**

(You may also bring a check for \$20.00 to the church office, made out to "First Presbyterian Church" designated for Operation Christmas Child, and Sarah Kelly will prepare a box for you!) The deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>!

**REMINDER:** Please return your updated name & address information form that was the last page of the November Redbud. You may bring in the form, or just simply email the office (fpcmh@enturytel.net) the information requested.

(This information will help us publish a complete and accurate 2021 directory.)

**REMINDER:** Please mail back your "Deacons and Elders" voting ballots that were mailed to you last week. You may also bring them in to the office. Thank you!!

**REMINDER:** How are you celebrating Thanksgiving this year safely? Do you have any great ideas that we can post on our website? Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share?

