



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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*Twenty-fourth Sunday of Pentecost*  
*November 15, 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 #464 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Vs. 1-3)**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy  
rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward, In the triumph song of life.

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mike Clark

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**People: You have been our home throughout all the ages.**

Leader: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

**People: From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Mike Clark

**FIRST READING**      Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Nancy Priest, Lay Reader

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Rev. Mike Clark

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.** (Silent confession)

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Mike Clark

Sisters and brothers, when we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise in heart to God's commands. You are freed to love another, for your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. **Amen.**

## 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 90:1–12*

Nancy Priest, Lay Reader

## OFFERING

Nancy Priest, 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)**

Nancy Priest, Lay Reader

**O God of constancy, you are our home and dwelling place forever.**

**Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all value, the treasure of eternal life. Bless our gifts that we offer you this day. With them may we share your love with others, that all may enter into your eternal joy. Amen.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*** Nancy Priest, 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.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

Ladies Trio

## **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:14–30

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**

Church Nursery Workers

First Presbyterian Church, Rogers, AR ( Organized 1911, Members 100)

**Weekly Church Finances:**

Weekly contributions needed: \$2,327.28

Amount deposited the week of November 8, 2020: \$3,370.00 (General Fund)

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

**Don't  
Forget**

**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 the information.**

**([fpcmh@enturytel.net](mailto:fpcmh@enturytel.net)) The information the office needs includes:  
Your name, address, landline phone number, cell phone number,**

**email address and birthday/anniversary dates.)**

**2021 is coming fast, and we want to have your correct information for the new directory & for current church communication!**

**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!!**

**SPREAD SOME CHEER**

How are you celebrating Thanksgiving this year? Do you have any great ideas that we can post on our website or put in the December Redbud? Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share? A book that you just read that you couldn't put down? A new hobby that's fun? A movie that made you laugh? Please share!! We all need a little cheer right now!

