

OFFERTORY VICTOR C. JOHNSON (WOMEN'S CHOIR)
Lift Your Voice in Joyful Song

* DOXOLOGY (*unison*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts.
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that sustains us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT 708 *Go Forth for God*

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE (*all sing*)

**May you run and not be weary.
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS: Tom Copple Family, Garry Grau, Peggy Burger, Brenda & Robert Long.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: Tina Zarate friend of Pam Davidson. Friends of Vicki Ball, Tom & Jenny Hines. Isaac Palacios, son of Melissa. Joan Helgeland, mother of Alexa Brown. FPC Nursery teacher, Lupe Yanez. Friends of Aislinn King, Carol. FPC Scholar Singer Gaby Jaime's grandparents, Yolanda & Joe Garcia. Paul Vega, a friend of Yolanda Garcia's son. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary Massingill. Stephanie, a friend of Karen Copple.

Prayers for this church in transition.

Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including updating prayer concerns.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 9/18

7:00 pm Choir—CR
8:15 pm Handbell Practice—S

Thursday, 9/19

6:00 pm Session—DH

Friday, 9/20

9:00 am Bible Study

Sunday 9/22 

8:30 am United Methodist
Worship Service —S
9:50 am Choir
Rehearsal—S
9:30 am Morning Bible
Study
10:30 am Worship—S

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Tap. Give. Done.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Minister of Word and Sacrament: **The Rev. Dr. Robert Reno**
Liturgist: **Liz Staggs** *Director of Music:* **Alexa Brown**
Pianist: **Dr. Spencer Hartman**



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
LUBBOCK**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 10:30 AM**

As a church family, we strive to connect people to God and to one another as we follow Christ.



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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS JULIE BESSEMER

PRELUDE SPENCER HARTMAN

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*) LIZ STAGGS

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
Revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit your church to meet this hour.
O Breath of Love, come breath within us,
Renewing thought, will, and heart;
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
Revive your church in every part!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 129 *Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord*

CALL TO CONFESSION

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord.
“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” Let us confess our sins, confident of God’s love and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us vision and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive your blessing. In this moment of silence, fill us with your love and forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus in whose name we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON THE REV. DR. ROBERT RENO

Sisters and brothers, through Jesus Christ, forgiveness of sin is proclaimed to us. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Hear this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

The peace of God be with you all.

And also with you!

Let us offer signs of peace and reconciliation.

* PASS THE PEACE

* GLORIA

(*Paul Vasile, used with permission; 2nd verse by Karen Copple*)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

(*all are invited to clap with the choir on verse 2*)

***One God in three, the holy Trinity,
great God my Lord, your love has set me free,
freed me from sin to life eternally.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Almighty God, you have spoken to us through your Son. Let your written Word now be spoken and heard by each of us. Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand, that we may not refuse your calling or ignore your voice. May we all be taught by you through your powerful Word. Bring our every thought captive to obeying Christ, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON MARK 8:27-38

CHORAL MEDITATION SHELTON CURRY

Thou Art the Christ, O Lord

SECOND LESSON PROVERBS 1: 20-33

SERMON THE REV. DR. ROBERT RENO

“Pondering Proverbs”

CHORAL MEDITATION HENRY HINNANT

Does Not Wisdom Call?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

We believe that God entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

from CONFESSION OF BELHAR

* CALL TO PRAYER 628

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

In grateful response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, we continue our worship as we present our tithes and offerings.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Responding to God’s bountiful gifts to us in Christ, we have the opportunity to share out of our abundance.