

25th Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Seasonal Color: Green

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(With the gift of music, let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God)

PRELUDE: “My Lord, What a Morning” Spiritual/arr. Robert Hobby
(Ray Rhinehart, Tenor; Laura Sparks, Soprano)

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
**As the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes
look to you, giver of every good gift.**
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
**Look with favor upon us, O Lord, and be pleased with our praise
and thanksgiving.**
Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

**Gracious Creator, your day draws near with deliberate haste. We
prepare ourselves for the providence that you promise to us in Christ. As
we gather in this place to give you all praise and glory, fill us so with the
Holy Spirit that we may discern your will. May we thereby be led to
worship you in all that we do, with thanksgiving to Jesus who shows us
the way. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” GTG #367

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us
stewards, but we squander your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet
we do as we please. He sends us to minister on behalf of those suffering;
we are slow to respond until our own needs are met. He expects us to
praise you in all that we do; we take all the credit for those things we do
well. Forgive us and help us to be more obedient. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

“Surely, It is God Who Saves Me” GTG #71
**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And God will be my Savior.**

WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the
Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your
truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Judges 5:12-27 pg. 221

ANTHEM: “We Praise You, O God” arr. Edward Broughton
We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring,
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’er take us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise! Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Laura Sparks

SECOND LESSON: Judges 4:1-3, 12-24 pg. 220

SERMON: “Lessons from History” Rev. David Roquemore

*HYMN: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” GTG #363

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

(from “The Song of Deborah” Judges 5: 1-3, 6-9. 24-27, 31)
**“When locks are long in Israel, when the people offer themselves willingly
bless the Lord! Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes; to the Lord I will sing;
I will make melody to the Lord, the God of Israel...in the days of Jael,
caravans ceased, and travelers kept to the byways. The peasantry
prospered in Israel; they grew fat on plunder, because you arose,
Deborah, arose as a mother in Israel. When new gods were chosen, then
war was in the gates. Was shield or spear to be seen among forty thousand
in Israel? My heart goes out to the commanders of Israel who offered
themselves willingly among the people. Bless the Lord. Most blessed of
women be Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, of tent-dwelling women
most blessed. Water he asked, milk she gave; she brought him curds in a
lordly bowl. She put her hand to the tent peg and her right hand to the
workers’ mallet; she struck Sisera a blow; she crushed his head; she
shattered and pierced his temple. Between her feet he sank, he fell, he lay
still; between her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell dead.
So perish all your enemies, O Lord! But may your friends be like the sun
as it rises in its might.”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

“Duke Street – From all that Dwell Below the Skies” Neil Harmon

*DOXOLOGY: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” GTG #606

**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 DEDICATION**

**O God, you endow us with talent beyond what we earn or deserve. You
seek from us service to you in all that we think, yearn for, and do. As we
bring our gifts and offerings before you, may they reflect a wise
investment of your trust in us. May their yield continue to abound as the
work that we do spreads your will farther. Amen.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” GTG #546

***BENEDICTION**

*SENDING SONG: “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” GTG #687

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

(*Please stand in body or spirit)

Lay Leader this morning is Melva Cooper.
Elder on Call this week is Gary McDougal.

Today, we are happy to have our former organist, Susan Strickland, playing for
our worship service. We thank Susan for sharing her musical gifts with us for
our worship.

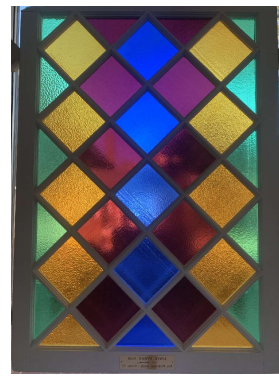
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"Come, You Thankful People, Come", text Henry Alford, music George Job Elvey; "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!", text Charles Wesley, music John Darwall; "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow", text Thomas Ken, music Genevan Psalter; "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing", text attr. John Fawcett, music Sicilian melody; "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past", text Isaac Watts, music attr. William Croft.

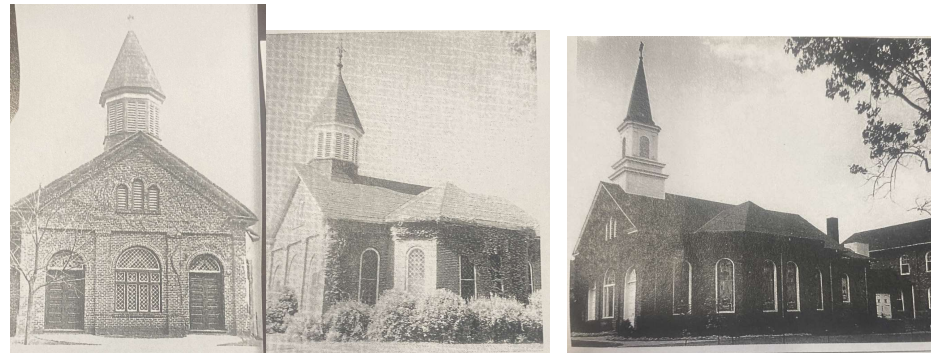
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The new stain glassed windows replaced the diagonally panes windows in 1951. The windows were dedicated to the service of longtime members of the church. One of these windows is on display in the sanctuary narthex.

Renovations were made to the chapel in 2017 with the replacement of ceiling, refinishing of pews, and sound system upgrades to the Wicks Organ were installed in 2023. - Suzanne N. Rhinehart

This morning First Presbyterian Church, Newton will celebrate worshiping in our historical chapel for 145 years. The first service in the current chapel was on Sunday, November 17, 1878. Church members had met in the George and Harriett Berrier home across from the fellowship hall and many years at Beth Eden Lutheran Church.



FPC Newton celebrated their first Sunday in the new building on the third Sunday in November of 1878. Some of Beth Eden's architectural elements were incorporated into the new church. They incorporated more elaborate brickwork into the structure. The double doors were common in the 19th Century. Some local churches used one door for women and one for men but there is no evidence the Presbyterians observed this custom.

In the 1890's, members built their first manse. When it was burned in 1898, the church used the insurance money to enlarge the 1878 sanctuary. The renovation expanded the simple rectangle of the sanctuary with the addition of transept bays, shown above, on each side.

The Frye Educational Building was added to the back of the chapel in 1941 from the proceeds from the estate of W. R. Frye. This provided the first adequate Sunday School classrooms.

In 1951, renovations were made to the chapel which included new windows and sashes, an almost complete overhaul of the interior including the new Wicks Organ, and the replacement of the steeple with a new modern model, as shown above.

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