



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 10:30 A.M.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PEN-

Our hope in this season of COVID-19 is that all who worship virtually feel welcome and a sense of God's love through Jesus Christ.

### FOR WORSHIP

*In this morning's Gospel reading, Jesus issues a sharp warning to beware of those who, like the scribes of his day, enjoy the respect of titles, robes, and privilege, while devouring the poor. Their long prayers mask a faith of appearance only that will be condemned. Pointing to the authentic faith of a widow who gives out of her poverty, Jesus declares she has given more than those who have contributed large sums out of their abundance.*

### PRELUDE

*Voluntary*  
*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
Joyce Beauvais, guest organist

John Stanley  
Hal Hopson

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Robert Martin

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Becky Pankratz

*L: Let us praise our God, who made the mountains and the wind.*  
**P: Let us sing to our God, who made the stars and the sun.**  
*L: Let us turn to our God, who made you and me.*  
**P: Let us thank God for all God's goodness.**  
*L: Let us worship God!*

### \*HYMN 446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**1** Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God.  
God, whose word cannot be broken,  
formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

**2** Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which God gives them when they pray.

**3** See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Liturgist Pankratz

**Gracious Giver of all that we have and are, we confess that we are often slow to give thanks and to share. Sometimes we deny our oneness with all your creatures and seek only after our own salvation, our own needs and hopes. Challenge us with a vision for all people, that we may commit our lives to your mission in the world, for we are yours. Amen.**

*In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.*

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

## \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*L: Friends, believe the good news.*

**P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*Gloria Patri - 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 and Amen.*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Richard Nease

### ANTHEM

*The Gift of Perfect Peace*

Tune: O Waly Waly/ arr. Claude L. Bass

I claim the gift of perfect peace, a gift You promised long ago;  
The peace to calm my mind and heart, to face life's daily ebb and flow.  
If I but trust in You alone, and call Your name and seek Your face,  
I'll find that peace, that perfect peace, and know the splendor of Your grace.  
The balm of peace can soothe and heal, and cool the heat of life's demands,  
I come to You in prayer and praise, and place my life within Your hands.  
You are my God, my Strength and Stay, You are my Rock, both strong and true,  
You promise peace, that perfect peace, to all who love and follow You.  
(Lyrics by Mary Kay Beale, based on Isaiah 26:3)

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Liturgist Pankratz

**Gracious God, where we believe we are rich, show us our poverty, and turn our hearts towards you: send your Holy Spirit to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 (pages 233, 234 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Pankratz

Mark 12:38-44 (pages 49, 50 in pew Bible)

Rev. Martin

*L. This is the Word of the Lord!*

**P: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*To Be Noticed*

Rev. Robert Martin

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Martin

Choral Response (*the congregation is invited to join in singing*): *Hymnal #585 "Amen"*

### THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*Prelude*

J. S. Bach

Joyce Beauvais, guest organist

### \*DOXOLOGY

*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 (unison)

Liturgist Pankratz

**All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is and with love formed us in your image. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Minister: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.

**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.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

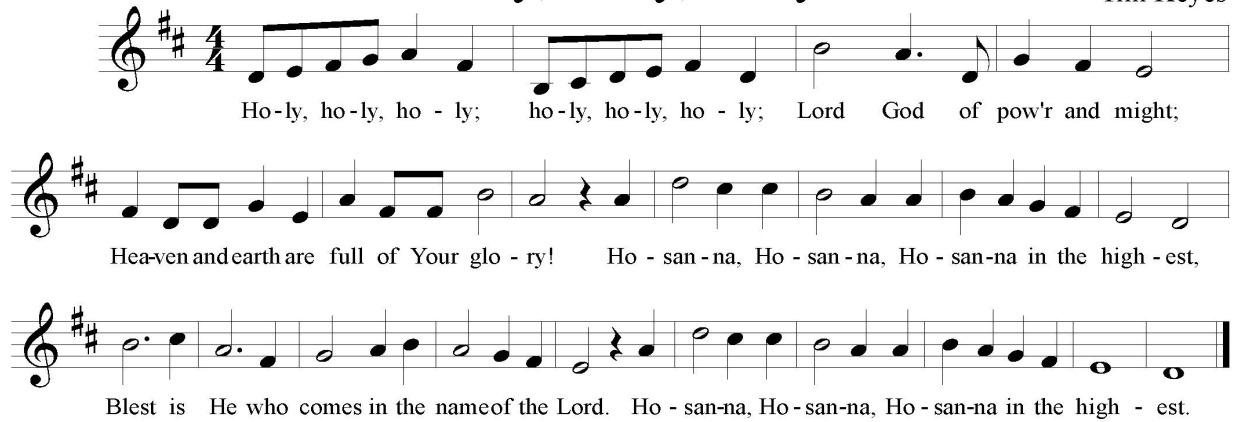
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy.....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

Tim Keyes



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; Lord God of pow'r and might;  
 Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est,  
 Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*HYMN 428

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our firstfruits give.

3 The captive to release,  
to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace:  
it is a Christ-like thing.

4 And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be;  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Choral Response (*the congregation is invited to join in singing*): Hymnal #586 "Amen"

## POSTLUDE

*A Mighty Fortress*  
Joyce Beauvais, guest organist

M. Luther/Marpurg

Weekly Worship Service can be seen live on Sunday Morning

FPC's worship services can be found on YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/athensfpc/search?query=sermon>.

You can access them directly on the FPC YouTube channel and on the church web site under Worship Archive.

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**Deacon of the Month - Danny Moates - a friend to phone in time of need**

740-592-4064 or moates@ohio.edu

Ushers: Helen King and Andrew Stuart

Chancel Prep: Marla Longenecker

Communion Prep: Rev. Robert Martin  
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**Women's Book Study** – Fridays at Noon in Fellowship Hall or by Zoom – For more information contact Richard or Joan Nease at christianed@athensfpc.org

**Ohio University Cat's Cupboard (for all students) Update** – Financial contributions are always welcomed. Food and personal hygiene item donations can be dropped off at the church office. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Cats' Cupboard" in the memo line.  
**Needed items:** Flour, pasta, pasta sauce, canned salmon, canned sardines, canned chicken, canned tomatoes, tomato paste, canned mushrooms, dried black-eyed peas, dried garbanzo beans, brown rice, canned fruit, canned potatoes, canned carrots.  
**Also needed:** toilet paper, diapers size 5 or 6, laundry soap, conditioner, dish soap, body wash, and shampoo. 220 students have signed up for fall.

**Accepting Advent Stories for Devotional** - The story of the birth of Jesus sounds like a travelogue. Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The angels meet the shepherds out in the fields and then the shepherds go to Bethlehem to find the newborn Baby. The Magi follow a star to the palace in Jerusalem, ask for directions, and continue following the star to Bethlehem.

Do you have a favorite story you would like to share about traveling for holiday gatherings that we may include in this year's Advent devotional booklet? We are looking for short stories of 300 words or less. Children are welcome to submit drawings or stories.

**TODAY** – For more information and story submission, email Joan at christianed@athensfpc.org by **November 7th**. There are 28 days in Advent giving us a lot of opportunity. Booklets will be available by November 28th in print and online.

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