

Our Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Melick

Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary or on the Information Table. You may also give online.

*The Doxology # 606

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

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

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Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

All: *And also with you!*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

Pastor: ... With the ancestors, on this World Communion Sunday your people cry out:

All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: ... Hear us as we now declare the mystery that is our faith:

All: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Breaking of the Bread

The Elements are Passed

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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Leader: Great Creator and lover of creation, we pray for the earth.

All: *May we learn to live in harmony with this great gift.*

Leader: We pray for all who live upon the earth;

All: *May we live in peace with the whole community of your creation.*

Leader: God of Hope – renew in us a sense of wonder for your vast creation. By your will, shape us into beings who work for the betterment of all that is around us.

All: *God of Love – may our values reflect the heart of who we are, that love may shine through our words and deeds as we interact with the faithful and the seekers alike.*

Leader: God of Wisdom – allow us to see in all beings a reflection of the depths of your glory. In times of sorrow and of grief, may the hope of others inspire us and carry us forward.

All: *God of Understanding – know today the needs of our hearts and the needs of those around us. Let us be assured of your glorious power over all creation and may we feel the grace upon grace that pours forth from you.*

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we now lift our voices to you, praying:

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.

*Sending Hymn #693 *Though I May Speak*

*Charge and Benediction

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*Congregational Response *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

This Week at FPC

October 4 – World Communion

October 6 – 7:00pm, AA

October 7 – 6:00pm, Messy Church at Fort St. Clair

October 7 – 7:30pm, Choir Practice

October 8 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

October 8 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

October 11 – Session Meeting

October 11 – 2:00pm, Blessing of the Animals

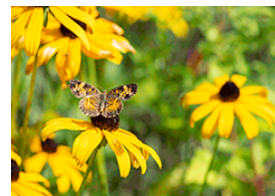
Mark Your Calendars

October 13 – 7:00pm, AA

October 15 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

October 15 – 6:30pm, Men's Bible Study

October 16 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice



The flowers this morning are from Lois Morrow, in loving memory of her son, Michael Basolo's birthday on October 6.

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter
Cy - pray for strength and healing
Logan Eifort - stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
Stacey Creech - prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend
Jack & Nancy Turner - recovering at home
Diane Kasten - recovery at home
Russell DeLuca - severe neuropathy, Joe DeLuca's brother
Deb Tinstman - lymphoma, Dave Tinstman's sister, Molly Hurd's aunt

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline - Vancrest Dale Robertson - Greenbrier
Alice Lindley Beth Mickelson - Friends Fellowship Community

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve Church Members & Friends In The Service

Carson Cooper, Army National Guard - Rusty & Stephanie Cooper's son
Tanner Crabtree, Army - Barb & Randy Wright's nephew
Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard - Bella Hurd McIntosh's husband
Cameron Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
Nicholas Rife, US Navy - Anne Grim's nephew
Drew Roach, US Navy - Bonnie Smith's grandson
Ben Freytag, US Navy - Rainelle Tusing's grandson

Soldier's Prayer

Dear Lord, please bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand. Our country's prayers are with them no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home.

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: Our God is slow to anger, quick to forgive, and abiding in steadfast love. Believe the Good News this day: in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Our Response of Praise - #581 Gloria Patri

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.

Children's Message

Nature, Sabbath and Rest

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Prayer for Illumination

Bob Beeghly

Old Testament Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Old Testament Scripture Reading Psalm 65

Response:

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Nature, Sabbath and Rest

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Ritual Action - Season of Life

*Reflection Hymn #14

For The Beauty of the Earth

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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October 4, 2026
Deeper in Faith; A Journey of Spiritual Formation
Nature, Sabbath and Rest

Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

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Call to Worship

Bob Beeghly

Liturgist: Come and see what God has done!

All: *We bring our whole selves into God's presence to witness God's amazing power.*

Liturgist: All the power and beauty of God's creation is before us to explore.

All: *We open our hearts to marvel at God's great works.*

Liturgist: In awe and wonder, we gather ourselves as a community.

All: *And celebrate all that God has made.*

Prayer of the Day (unison)

Bob Beeghly

Holy One, even as storms rage around us, we see your goodness and beauty reflected in streaks of lightning and booms of thunder. In pouring rain and mountains of snow, we see your intricate creation. In both calm and chaos, we yearn to know what message you have for us this day. Help us to listen for your message of love. Amen.

***Opening Hymn #664** *Morning Has Broken*

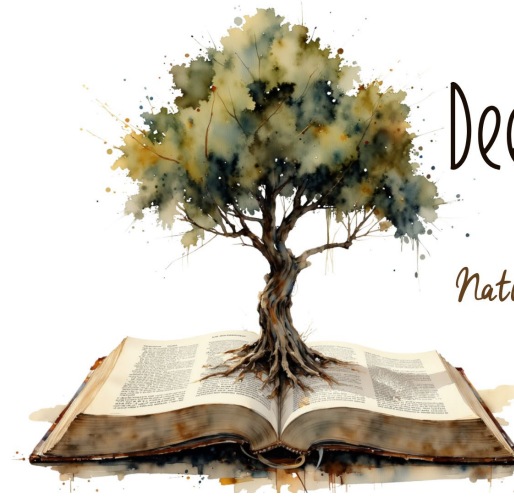
Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace

Bob Beeghly

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, as we move through the seasons of life with rapid feet and busy schedules, help us to pause. Allow us moments in which we can focus not only on our immediate needs but also the needs and hopes of our souls. Let us not forget the responsibilities you have placed on us: to help the poor, to promote justice and righteousness, and to show mercy. Today, Redeeming God, let us pause to remember who we are and who we have been called to be: disciples doing the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Allow us to consider new perspectives, and help us to engage in ministries that alleviate suffering and that demonstrate your love for the world. Amen.



Deeper in Faith

Week 5
Nature, Sabbath, and Rest

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Theme

Experiencing Sabbath

Scripture

Exodus 31:12-17

Guiding Questions

- Who do you know who is good at Sabbath rest?
- Are there any people whose Sabbath rest you admire, or whose Sabbath rest doesn't seem very "restful" to you?
- Is Sabbath rest something that comes easily for you, or do you find it difficult to rest, settle, and focus on God?

Going Deeper

Take a few minutes to sketch out what a perfect Sabbath rest day would look like to you. Where would you go (or not go)? Who would be with you, or would you be alone? What activities would you do or refrain from doing? How do you imagine you would feel at the end of the day? Would you feel like you had spent more time with God or like you had wasted a day by being unproductive?

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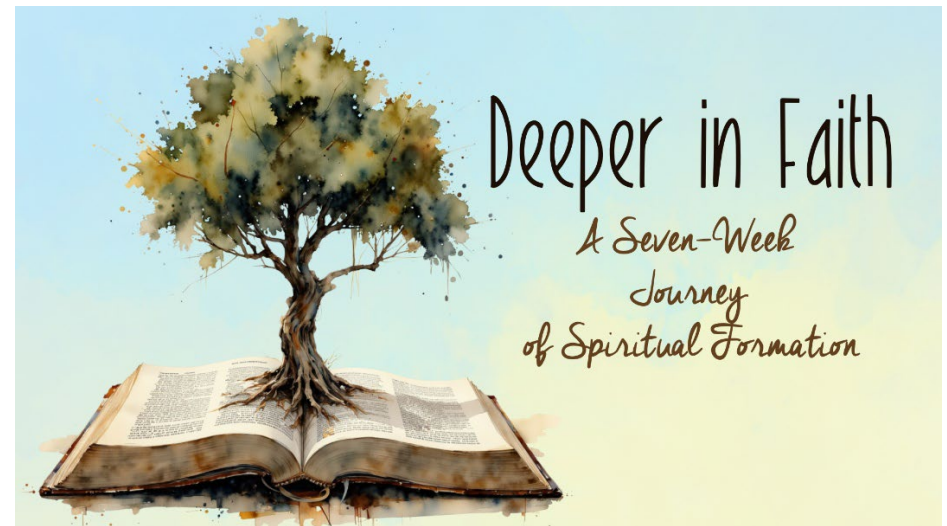
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Our Mission:

***Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus and
serving neighbors through the Spirit.***

~Approved by Session November 2016



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