September 26, 2021 . . . 10 a.m. Worship Guide

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We Gather...

Song of Praise: Waymaker Click for Scripture Basis

God Calls Us to Worship...

*Call to Worship Psalm 23 (NIV)

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

All: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Pastor: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

All: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen

*Song of Assurance: Blessed Assurance 1 John 3:19-24

God Restores Us from Sin...

Call to Confession <u>Isaiah 55:6-9</u>

Unison Prayer of Confession

Ps 119:105; Ps 23; Jn 16:33; Jn 15:18-25; 2 Tim 3:12, 16

Heavenly Father, your Word is a lamp unto our feet, showing us how to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Your word warns us that in this world we will have trouble. Your Word warns us that those who take the name of Jesus will be hated. Your word warns us that all who desire to live a godly life will be persecuted. Lord Jesus, we need you. Calm our anxious minds when you move us from pasture to pasture. Grant us peace when we travel through the valleys of the shadows. Give us courage to counsel one another with your word, to live according to your word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace Psalm 103:8-12

The Offerings of Our Hearts: Lord I Need You Click for Scripture Basis

God Instructs Us in Holy Living...

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:8-11 (ESV)

Sermon: The Letters to the 7 Churches of Revelation: Smyrna

God Sends Us to Build One Another Up as His Ambassadors in the World...

Song of Yearning: Lord From Sorrow Deep I Call Psalm 42

*Benediction John 10:14-15, 28-29

*Please stand, if able.

Journey Notes



Join us on a journey to follow Jesus, grow together, and make disciples.

Welcome!

Childcare is provided for children from Infancy through Preschool. Do you need assistance to find the Childcare Room? Seek a Worship Deacon or Staff Member with a blue-ribboned name tag!

If you are interested in pursuing membership with our church family, please let Pastor Paul Becker know by contacting him at becker@fpcb.org or 724-443-1555, ext 222.

The Map is our weekly email. If you would like to receive it, **contact Linda Smith** at the Front Desk at **smith@fpcb.org** or 724-443-1555, ext 221.

Caring Ministries...

Is your household facing a severe health concern, hospitalization, or hospice? Contact our Member Care Minister Sandy Floyd at floyd@fpcb.org or 724-443-1555, ext. 241. Communications flow from her office to appropriate caregivers. You may also contact Pastor Paul at ext 222.

We rejoice with Jon Pulsifer, who turns 90 years old on October 1.

Notable...

Our hospitality team needs two deacons and four volunteers each Sunday to help create a joyful church experience. Hospitality tasks include:

- Greeting church attendees at the door
- Looking after St. Barnabas bus passengers coming and going
- Distributing the worship aid/bulletin
- Readying the Sanctuary (ringing the bell, winding the clock, etc.)
- Passing the Offering Plate and preparing the deposit



Volunteers may choose their weeks to serve. They will receive an email reminder one day in advance. If you have questions or are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Julie Wettach at Jwettach@live.com.



Love to sing? A group is forming to enhance Worship on holidays and special occasions. Rehearsals will begin in the music room on Wednesday, September 29, at 7 p.m. To participate, contact Shari Whitico at **shariwhitico@gmail.com** or the church office at 724-443-1555.

Celebrating 150 YEARS (1871-2021)

Dr. Richard A. Morledge was installed as pastor on Sept. 25, 1960. One of our most beloved shepherds, he led FPCB for 35 years. Many spiritual programs and missions grew or experienced their birth during his time here. Now 89, Dr. Morledge also realized numerous accomplishments while pastor, including serving as chaplain at Grove City College for 15 years. He is known for saying, "It's A Great Day in the Kingdom!" and wrote a devotional book by that name. He also authored "Great Days in the Kingdom!"

-- Leslie Ward supplied this photo of him on his 25th anniversary at FPCB.

