

October 24, 2021 . . . 10 a.m. Worship Guide

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We Gather...

Song of Approach: [Holy Is the Lord](#)

[Is 6:3; Ps 99:1-3; Rev 4:8-11](#)

God's Word Offers the Grace of Entering His Presence...

^Call to Worship

[Prov 1:7; Prov 30:5; Ps 119:18](#)

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

All: Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Pastor: Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

All: Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

^Songs of Awe: [How Great Is Our God](#)

[click for scripture basis](#)

[Holy, Holy, Holy](#)

[Ps 99:1-9; Is 6:2-3; Rev 4:8](#)

God's Word Offers the Grace of Forgiveness...

Call to Confession

[Is 55:6-9](#)

Unison Prayer of Confession

[Ps 139; Matt 6:33; Rev 3:2-5](#)

Lord Jesus, your gaze compels us to come to you. In your eyes, we see forgiveness and love. Lord, your all-knowing gaze is also convicting. You see every hidden deed and you know every unspoken thought. You know where our lives align with yours and where they do not. Call us to repent of anything that is not submitted to the standard of your Word. Forgive our apathy. Lord, we will trust the intensity of your sanctifying love. Open our eyes to see that our sin is covered by the pure white garment of your righteousness. Set our minds on a future of walking with you in heaven. Grant us assurance that our names will not be blotted out of the book of life. Our hearts we offer to you, O Lord, promptly and sincerely. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[Eph 1:3, 7-8a](#)

The Offerings of Our Hearts

Introduction of Jim Skal, [Outdoor Immersion](#)

God's Word Offers the Grace of Instruction and Sustenance...

Scripture Reading: [Revelation 3:1-6](#) (ESV)

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

God's Word Sends us to be Christ's Ambassadors...

Song of Yielding: [Change My Heart Oh God](#)

[Ezek 36:26-27; Is 64:8](#)

^Benediction

based on [Rom 12:9-21](#)

^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 contact Pastor Paul Becker 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 extend our sympathies to Cindy Maynard and her family on the death of her brother, Randolph "Randy" Maynard on Saturday, October 9.

We rejoice with Len and Joyce Record on the birth of their great-great-granddaughter, Ilana, on Thursday, October, 14.

Notable...

CONGREGATION MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following Worship on Sunday, November 7, to approve the minutes of last year's meeting and act on the **2021 Nominating Committee Report.** The minutes will not be read aloud but will be available beforehand in the weekly email. The 2022 Budget also will be offered for information. Hope to see you there!



Please support **Bakerstown Presbyterian Children's Center** with prayer and prayerful giving via the Apple Tree Giving Program. Monies collected will help cover expenses related to COVID safety measures. Donations may also be made to help needy families with tuition. [Please donate via PayPal Giving Fund](#) or by mailing a check to: Bakerstown Presbyterian Children's Center, P.O. Box 353, Bakerstown, PA 15007. Thank you!

Celebrating 150 YEARS (1871-2021)

The Rev. Dr. James S. Little was our pastor from 1947 until 1959, during a time of unprecedented growth in the community and the church. According to the historic review, "A Church Born in Bakerstown," published for our 140th anniversary, church membership grew from 250 to 1,100 during his tenure. We added the Christian Education Building in 1954 and purchased the Methodist church building that is now our Youth Building in 1958. Dr. Little died on May 30, 2012. You may read more about him [here](#).



Looking Ahead

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| October 31 | All Saints Day |
| November 7 | Congregational Meeting following Worship; Special Offering for Outdoor Immersion |
| December 1, 8, 15, & 22 | Advent Nights at 6 p.m. followed by Christian education for K-3rd grade and possibly Bible study groups for adults. All are welcome. Watch <i>The Map</i> and this page for more details. |