

October 18, 2020 . . . 10:00 a.m. Worship Guide
Wear masks as people are being seated & when you leave your pew.
You may remove your mask during the WELCOME

Gathering & Welcome...

^The 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

Approach a Holy God...

Responsive Call to Worship

(New City Catechism, Q4)

Leader: How and why did God create us?

People: **God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him.**

Leader: It is right that we should live to give God glory.

All: **My heart I offer to you Lord, promptly and sincerely.**

Praise: *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Prayer of Confession

(based on Genesis 1:27, Galatians 2:20, Micah 6:8)

Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you knew me before I was formed in the womb. You made me in your image. In moments when I doubt my worth, forgive me. You declared my worth at the cross of Jesus. My sin was crucified with Him. In the power of Christ's resurrection, raise me to new life so that His life is seen through mine. In this wondrous mystery, help me to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, O God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(based on Romans 6:5, 11)

If we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. You are dead to sin and alive in Christ Jesus. Be at peace. Your sins are forgiven.

Hear a Holy God...

Scripture: Galatians 4:21-31

Sermon: *No Middle Ground*

Respond to a Holy God...

Our Offering

^Praise: *Christ Our Hope*

Benediction

(based on Psalm 91:1, 14-15)

The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty. Because you have made the Lord your refuge and dwelling place, no harm will come to you. The Lord has his heart set on you. He will deliver you. He will protect you. When He calls out to you, answer Him.

"The widest thing in the universe is not space; it is the potential capacity of the human heart.

Being made in the image of God, it is capable of almost unlimited extension in all directions. And one of the world's greatest tragedies is that we allow our hearts to shrink until there is room in them for little besides ourselves."

- A.W. Tozer -

FPCB CoronaLife News

I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit because you can do nothing without me.

Jesus (John 15:4-5)

Welcome!

We are blessed by your fellowship in worship! To our FPCB Facebook Friends: Leave a greeting and interact with each other in the comments section of the worship post!

If you are a visitor, we welcome you as our guest. We invite you to explore your adoption into God's family at FPCB. Whether you worship in-person or online, please let Pastor Paul know of your participation by contacting him at becker@fpcb.org or by calling him at 724-443-1555 ext 222. May the Lord bless you and keep you!

Caring Ministries...

Hospitalized? Call the church office at 724-443-1555. Use extension 241 to contact Sandy Floyd, our Member Care Minister.

We herald the birth of Brooke Marie Stauffer, born to Shane and Amanda Stauffer and granddaughter of Chris and Carmen Stauffer. Brooke was born Oct 16th at 6 lbs, 10 oz. (Shane and Amanda Stauffer, 2732 Meadowcrest Ct, Wexford, PA 15090)

Get a birthday card ready! Next week, we will share an address for Jane Sinclair who turns 90 on October 31st!

Notables...



Throughout the week meditate on Question #5

- Review the Question and Answer.
- Read the scripture and explore the paragraph or chapter where it is located.
- Read the commentary.
- Offer the provided Prayer.

Ideally, do this several times this week with a friend, family member, or spouse. Trade reading roles. Share your first impressions, thoughts and questions with one another. Pray aloud together.

Pray for the work of the Nominating Committee which is discerning the call of church members to serve on the

- 2021 Audit Team,
- 2021 Nominating Committee, and
- Session and Deacons.

"When you find yourself without a map and recognize that you have to lead a congregation into a reality where the world in front of you is nothing like the world behind you, adaptive leadership is required. There is no clear plan, no map to follow, no past expertise to give confidence to both leaders and followers. Instead, the leader must calmly and courageously tell the truth about their condition, and when asked, "What do we do?" must say the three hardest words for any leader to say: "I don't know." And then you begin the process of learning, facing loss, and navigating competing values." (Tod Bolsinger, *Leadership for a Time of Pandemic: Practicing Resilience*)