



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Where People and Community Matter”

A Matthew 25 Congregation



Sunday, November 9, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Eleven o’ clock

Prelude

“Baroque Selections”

G. F. Handel, J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is just and kind to all who call.

**People: Take courage, all you people,
for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Leader: The Lord has made known his victory;
do not be quickly shaken or alarmed.

**People: Take courage, all you people,
for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Leader: Stand firm and hold fast
to the traditions that you were taught.

**People: Take courage, all you people,
for I am with you, says the Lord.**

Leader: And may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father,
who loved us and, through grace,
gave us eternal comfort and good hope,
comfort your hearts and strengthen them
in every good work and word.

**People: Take courage, all you people,
for I am with you, says the Lord. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

God of Grace, you have given us eternal comfort and good hope.
You have shown us the glorious splendor of your majesty and the wonder
of your works. Join our work with your own, that by the grace in which
we trust, we may be brought to the resurrection in which we hope, by
faithfulness of your wondrous love. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

#115

Please welcome Rick Shaw, who is serving as our guest organist today.

*Rick Shaw holds Bachelor of Sacred Music and Master of Music Theory degrees from
Duquesne University. Former Director of Music at St Bernard Church in Mount
Lebanon and The Basilica of St Paul in Daytona Beach, he recently moved back to his
hometown of Natrona Heights. Rick is also owner of Good Music Publishing which
promotes the music library of Tarentum native Sandy Mason.*

Chancel Flowers

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Debbie Wampler, on her birthday, with love from Larry Wampler.*

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*First United Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and of the Pittsburgh
Presbytery. We stand in the PCUSA tradition and belief that all are welcome into the fullness of the church including
but not limited to worship, membership, governance, and participation in the sacraments (baptism and communion).*

Stated plainly, we practice that all are truly welcome at First United Presbyterian Church in Tarentum.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. Amen.

(Please spend some time in silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To The Father” #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. Amen.

*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Recognition of Veterans

Prayer for Veterans

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

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.

Anthem “Always By Our Side” Burrows

Children’s Sermon Rev. Philip A. Beck

*Hymn “Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure” #251

Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson	Haggai 1:48b-2:9	p. 1074
New Testament Lesson	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	p. 251
Gospel Lesson	Luke 20:27-38	p. 103

Sermon “God of the Living” Rev. Philip A. Beck

*Apostles Creed (Unison)

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 Ghost, 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 on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements

Dedication of Tithes and Gifts to the Lord

Offertory “Idyl” S. Karg-Elert

*Doxology “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” #591

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

*Hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” #562

*Blessing

*Choral Response

*Sending

Leader: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Trumpet Tune” D. German

*Please stand if you are able to do so comfortably.