



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Where People and Community Matter”

A Matthew 25 Congregation



MATTHEW 25

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Eleven o’ clock

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers are available in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost of the flowers (\$40) will be used to support our Needy Family Fund. The flowers can be taken home or left refrigerated for the next service. The flowers are provided at no cost to the church, so that all donations may benefit the Needy Family Fund. If you would like to choose a Sunday and have your dedication listed in the bulletin, please contact Jessica Jones in the church office at 724-224-2550 or email office@fucpt.org.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

You’re invited to join us immediately following worship for Fellowship Hour! Volunteers are needed—if you’d like to host a Fellowship Hour, sign up in the back of the narthex or contact the church office for available dates.

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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.

Prelude

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Miller

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Introit

“I Will Worship You, Lord”

Gardner

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer, with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

People: **We come to worship God.**

Leader: In hope and in humility, with joy and with concerns,

People: **We come to worship God.**

Leader: In faith and in uncertainty, with questions and with conviction,

People: **Let us worship God. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day**

You hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

***Hymn**

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Unison)

Holy God, we confess that we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence, and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity. Amen.

(Please spend some time in silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

