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### Sunday, November 22, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Sanctuary)

Good morning and blessings to you this beautiful Sunday. Today we gather together for in-person and for live stream worship.

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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Rev. Spencer

### Opening Sentences (Psalm 100 NLT)

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Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **Prayer of Adoration**

**Stuart Spencer** 

### **Prayer of Confession**

Kelly LePenske

Merciful God, you created us with minds to know you, hearts to love you, and hands and feet to serve you. You gave us Christ on the cross and the Holy Spirit to guide us toward love at all

times. Yet we regularly fail to be committed disciples. We choose indifference over love, pride over humility, folly over wisdom, and fear over trust. Lord Jesus, forgive us. Renew us with your Holy Spirit today and every day. Amen.

Silence for personal prayer of confession.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Kelly LePenske

God's love is as real and powerful for our lives today as it was 2,000 years ago on the cross. Believe that we are forgiven and freed in Jesus Christ! For this reason we rejoice like David, full of new life and hope:

"Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight!" Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### **Anthem**

### Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Purcell

Janet Wilkie, Margaret Munro, Gwen Wilkie, Fernando Mancillas, Sam Scheibe, Frank Mitchell Soloists: Gwen Wilkie, Fernando Mancillas, Frank Mitchell Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.

Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is at hand,

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God.

And the peace of God which passeth all understanding,

shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Spencer

# Way of the Week #23

Rev. Spencer

**WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART**. Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

• And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. (Romans 12: 1, 2)

**Ideas for Action:** Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12: 29-31)

Offertory Rev. Spencer

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## **Offertory Music**

## **Every Good Gift**

J. Paul Williams

Cali Barton, Shannon King, Anna Lawlor, Gwen Wilkie, Jessica Zorn, Nate Wilkie, Sam Scheibe Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Every good gift comes from God.

Trust His word and walk by faith, by faith and not by sight.

He is the Giver of every good gift. In Him we will delight.

Every good gift comes from God.

Do not be deceived by sin, for God is always right.

There is no shadow of turning in Him. In Him we will delight.

Every good gift comes from God.

We will come into His presence with songs of highest praise

He is the giver of grace and mercy, and His love we proclaim.

Every good gift comes from God.

Trust His word and walk by faith, by faith and not by sight.

He is the Giver of every good gift. In Him we will delight

Every good gift comes from God.

**Sermon** Kelly LePenske

# "The Prince of Peace Speaks"

Scripture: Text: John 14: 22-31 (NLT)

Sermon Series: "Passing the Peace: God's Gift of Shalom" concludes

Jesus replied... <sup>25</sup> "I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

<sup>27</sup> "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. <sup>28</sup> Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. <sup>29</sup> I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe.

<sup>30</sup> "I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, <sup>31</sup> but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let's be going."

### Rejoice! The Lord is King

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

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### **Benediction and Going Forth**

Kelly LePenske

The people are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located at the back of the narthex.

### (Watch the Way of the Week video from Jonathan Leath)

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### 9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician: Harris E. Ransom Live Video Streaming: Harris A. Ransom

Flower Arrangers: Debbie Heller and Barbara Wetherill

**Ushers:** John Miller (lead), Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler, Brett Couvillion, Barry Leatherman

Trustee Greeter: Bill Conner

- **Today's sanctuary flowers** are given from Jim Cole to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife Loudell Cole.
- During November, **Children's Sunday School** will meet *after* the worship service, approx. 10:45-11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Curriculum is geared towards ages K-6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Everyone entering the FPC campus is required to check in upon arrival. For worship, please use the automated check-in feature on the <a href="Church Center app">Church Center app</a> on your smart phone or one of the manned check-in stations. All entry is through the Commons Lobby. Other groups meeting in the building such as Sunday School, kids groups and choirs have specific sign in procedures outlined; check with your group leaders. We are so happy to see you!
- Next Week: On November 29<sup>nd</sup>, Rev. Wes Allen preaches "The Fear of Wisdom, the Wisdom of Fear" from Proverbs 1: 1-7 as our Advent sermon series "Be Not Afraid" begins.
- The (Un)simple Truth returns on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00–8:00 pm ET! Don't miss
  this timely conversation called "Becoming Peacemakers" featuring Amanda Mootz,
  grassroots organizing manager at World Vision. Amanda collaborates with
  community leaders, pastors and politicians to make the Gospel a tangible reality for
  people from all walks of life, particularly those who experience inequality in its
  many forms. Themes include Advent, discipleship and social justice.



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