



Each Sunday Morning:

9:00 a.m. – Prayer on the Patio in-person with Pastor Kennedy

10:15 a.m. – In-person & Live Streaming of Worship Service

Each Wednesday Evening:

4:00 p.m. – Experience a serene moment of prayer and connection in our Sanctuary. Feel free to drop by anytime between 4 – 7 p.m. to pray, find solace, or receive the blessing of prayer from our community.

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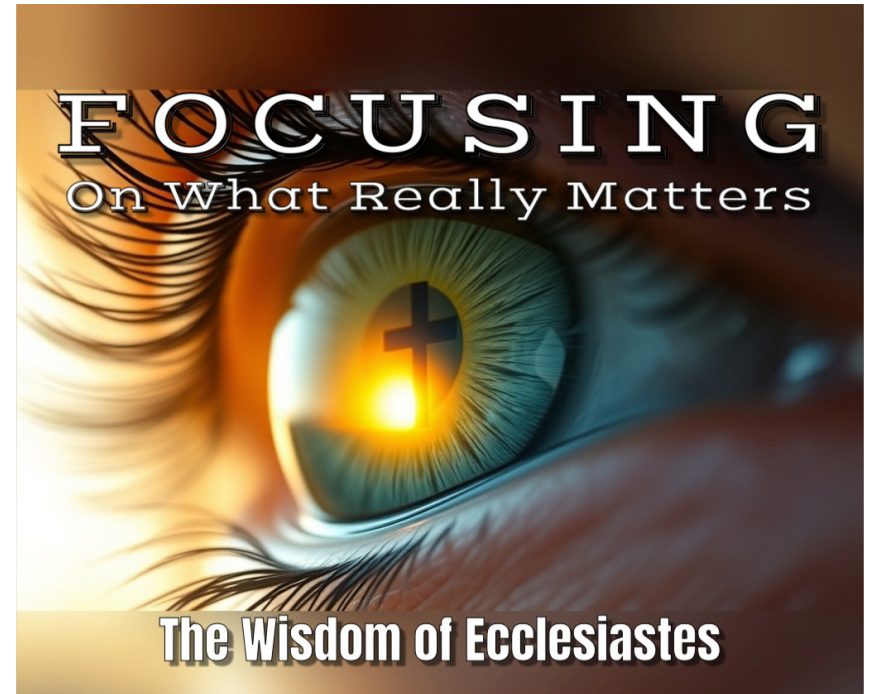
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14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14th, 2025

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Welcome to our Worship Service!
We are so glad you are here!

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Praise and Worship

Join us in song

Lyrics on screen

- 1) Great Are You Lord 2) How Majestic Is Your Name
- 3) They'll Know We Are Christians 4) Open the Eyes of My Heart
- 5) Holy Ground 6) Surely the Presence

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

My Tribute

To God be the glory, To God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Solo – Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) Chris Tomlin/Joel Raney
Kristen Gensel, soloist

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

Focusing on What Matters
The Wisdom of Ecclesiastes
What Ultimately Satisfies

SCRIPTURE READING – Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26 (NRSV version)

Please see insert.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – Debtors version

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. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

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Offertory – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Dale Wood

OFFERING OF PRAYER

Adapted from Julian of Norwich (1342-1413)

God, of your goodness, give us yourself, for you are sufficient for us. To be worthy of us we cannot ask for anything less. If we were to ask less, we should always be in want, for in you alone do we have all. In your name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

HYMN – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymn #298

Verses 1 & 2

Congregational Benediction

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.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE – When Morning Gilds the Skies

Dale Wood



SCRIPTURE READING – Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26 (NRSV version)

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted. I said to myself, “I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my mind has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.” And I applied my mind to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a chasing after wind. For in much wisdom is much vexation, and those who increase knowledge increase sorrow. I said to myself, “Come now, I will make a test of pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But again, this also was vanity. I said of laughter, “It is mad,” and of pleasure, “What use is it?” I searched with my mind how to cheer my body with wine—my mind still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, until I might see what was good for mortals to do under heaven during the few days of their life. I made great works; I built houses and planted vineyards for myself; I made myself gardens and parks and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. I bought male and female slaves and had slaves who were born in my house; I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and of the provinces; I got singers, both men and women, and delights of the flesh, many concubines. So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure from all my toil, and this was my reward from all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly, for what can the king’s successor do? Only what has already been done. Then I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness. The wise have eyes in their head, but fools walk in darkness. Yet I perceived that the same fate befalls all of them. Then I said to myself, “What happens to the fool will happen to me also; why then have I been so very wise?” And I said to myself that this also is vanity. For there is no enduring remembrance of the wise or of fools, seeing that in the days to come all

will have been long forgotten. How can the wise die just like fools? So I hated life because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.



Events & Announcements

Congregational Meeting - September 14th

After today's 10:15 am. service, we will be electing a new Elder and voting on a small change to our church bylaws, giving the flexibility for our annual congregational meeting to occur at any time in the first quarter of the New Year.

Pumpkin Unloading - October 4th

It's almost that time of year again! Join us on the first Saturday of October to unload the pumpkins into the patch. Breakfast will be included!

Movie Night on the Patch - October 17th

Join us in the Pumpkin Patch for a special movie night! More details coming soon.

Carnival Night - October 24th

Join us for a spooktacular night in the Patch! More details coming soon.

WELCOME VISITORS!

It is our hope that you will feel invited, welcomed, and loved as you worship with us! First Presbyterian Church is a family of faith committed to inviting and welcoming everyone into God's amazing love! For information, visit us on our website at: FPCOH.org

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Women's Bible Study

Sunday Morning's at 9 - 10 a.m. – Jump right in and join us for an expository style study of the Gospels in chronological order. We take our time to understand the scriptures and to find the life application of Jesus' words and ministry. Come as you are, we provide refreshments and bibles. Located in the upstairs conference room at the end of the hall.

We'll see you there! Ages 13+

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