



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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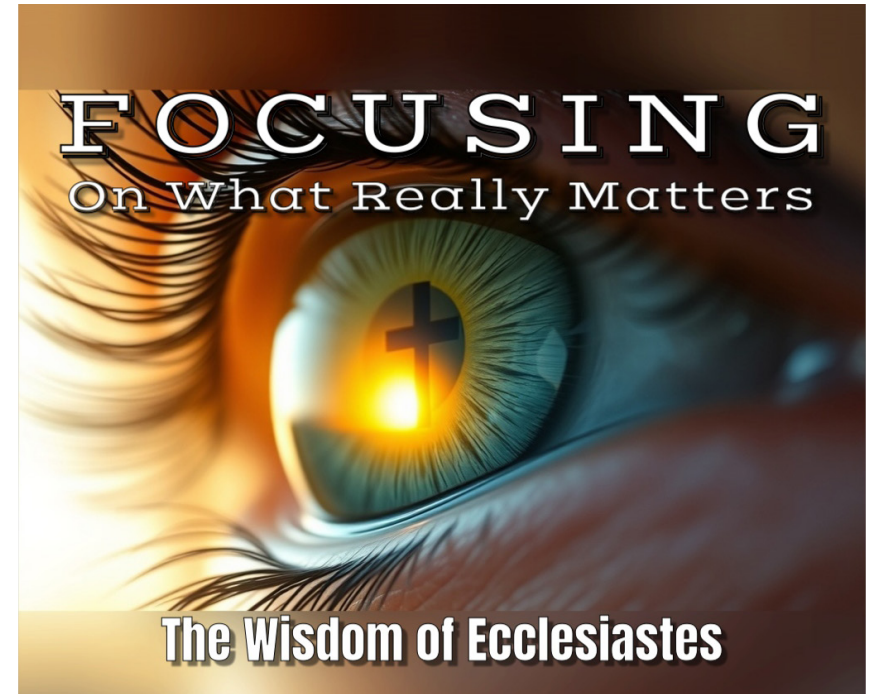
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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28th, 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

1. Come, Christians, Join to Sing.
2. Crown Him with Many Crowns.
3. Standing on the Promises.
4. As the Deer.
5. Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul.

Lyrics on screen

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Something Beautiful

Something beautiful, something good;
All my confusion He understood;
All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife,
But He made something beautiful of my life.

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

Solo – On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas/Jack Schrader

Randy Zinkus, soloist

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Kennedy M. McGowan

Focusing on What Matters
The Wisdom of Ecclesiastes
The Gift of Community

SCRIPTURE READING – Ecclesiastes 4:1-12 (NRSV version)

Again I saw all the oppressions that are practiced under the sun. Look, the tears of the oppressed—with no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power—with no one to comfort them. And I commended the dead, who have already died, more than the living, who are still alive, but better than both is the one who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun. Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from one person's envy of another. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind. Fools fold their hands and consume their own flesh. Better is a handful with quiet than two handfuls with toil and a chasing after wind. Again, I saw vanity under the sun: the case of solitary individuals, without sons or brothers; yet there is no end to all their toil, and their eyes are never satisfied with riches. "For whom am I toiling," they ask, "and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business. Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other,

but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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 – Assurance

J. Bert Carlson

OFFERING OF PRAYER

Adapted from Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and friendship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and malice. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but strong enough to turn away the power of evil. God, make the door of this house a gateway to your eternal kingdom. Grant this through Christ our Lord, our Savior and Friend. Amen.

HYMN – Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Hymn #341

Verses 1 – 3

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 – All Glory Be to God on High

Michael Burkhardt



Events & Announcements

Pumpkin Unloading - October 4th

It's almost that time of year again! Join us on the first Saturday of October at 9 a.m. to unload the pumpkins into the patch. Breakfast will be included!

First Sunday Lunch - October 5th

First Sunday lunch is right around the corner and Luno Culinary is catering us with delicious food. Let's invite everyone to come out and feel welcomed and loved during this special Sunday.

Movie Night on the Patch - October 10th

Join us in the Pumpkin Patch for a special movie night at 6:30 p.m.! Bring your friends, some blankets and chairs and enjoy a kid-friendly Halloween flick.

Ensemble Mriya - October 11th

Ensemble Mriya is a diverse group of vocalists who will be performing a beautiful concert on Saturday, October 11th. Stay tuned for more information.

Carnival Night - October 24th

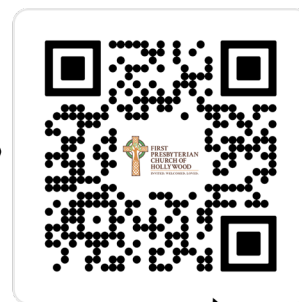
Come one, come all to our Carnival Fall Festival night on October 24th from 5:30-9:30. There will be rides, games, delicious food and more! \$30 per child. \$50 unlimited rides and games. Adults are free! We hope to see you there.

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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