

The First Presbyterian Church

300 South Main Street

Greensburg, Pennsylvania

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – October 24, 2021 – 10 a.m.

Simulcast Service

PRELUDE

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Dan Forrest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

O come let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.

HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

Daniel Kallman

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears, relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun. The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

SECOND READING

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum

HYMN 720

Jesus Calls Us

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – 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.

usually a whole book of the Bible each month. In October we will be reading and discussing the Old Testament prophets: Joel & Obadiah, Monday, October 25 at 7 p.m.

LAST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB - Reading Short Fiction - Join the LTBC, a monthly literary discussion group that has met for twenty years at FPC, this fall for something a bit new. The club will read three short stories a month, paired by Dr. Ankrum from the Oxford Book of American Short Stories. These stories are fairly easily obtained even without the book, but the procurement of the collection is a worthy investment. In October, we will be reading the following three stories for discussion in the Dining Room on Tuesday, October 26 at 7 p.m.: 'The Country Husband' by John Cheever; 'The Persistence of Desire' by John Updike; 'Defender of the Faith' by Philip Roth

LEGACY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - Several years ago, the Session of First Church formed the Coulter Society in order to promote legacy giving within our membership. The Stewardship Committee has chosen this time to re-invigorate interest in this important avenue of good Christian stewardship of our funds and holdings. On Sunday, November 7, the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, of the Presbyterian Foundation, will deliver the sermon during worship. We will also re-dedicate the Memorial Windows above the balcony in our church building. These windows were the first stained glass to be installed in the then-new building and were donated by the Coulter family. Please join us on that Sunday for these important events.

Legacy Forum also on November 7 ... Immediately following the worship service, Rev. Johns-Kelley will hold a forum on legacy giving, remembering the church in your will and by providing financial support on a continuing basis beyond pledged giving.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 11 A.M. - We are grateful for the many visitors to our services during the past eighteen months and before. If you would be interested in becoming a member at FPC, please join us on Sunday, November 14 in the Chapel / PW Lounge of our church for this one time meeting. The class will be received during worship on Sunday November 21. Please call the church office to reserve a spot or for any questions: 724-832-0150.

HALLOWEEN LASER TAG AND GAME NIGHT: When: Friday October 22, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: FPC Fletcher Room; Costumes are encouraged! Snacks and beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend, but please remember to RSVP by calling the church office or Jennifer Slater at jennifer1996slater@gmail.com.

CORNERSTONE - The November Cornerstone will be on November 13 and we will be keeping the 5:30 meeting time. We will be trying the new restaurant in Greensburg, *Sittay's Mediterranean Kitchen* at 33 Pittsburgh Street, across from the back of the YMCA. Check out their menu on-line. They have all 5 star reviews. To be added to the reservation list, please call Sandy Beauregard at 724-834-2247 or email sandbeau1@verizon.net before November 10.

LUNCH BUNCH - Come and join us at 11:30 a.m. on November 9 at the Boulevard Restaurant located at Town Square Drive off of Mt. Pleasant Road. Please email Sally Rager (sallyrager@gmail.com) by November 5, if you are interested.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

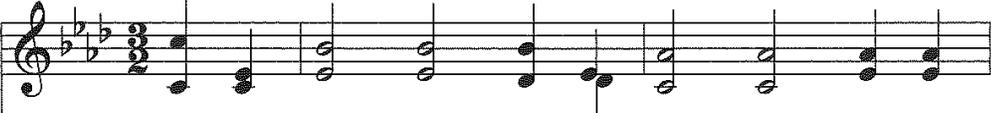
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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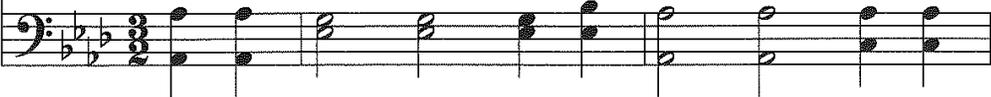
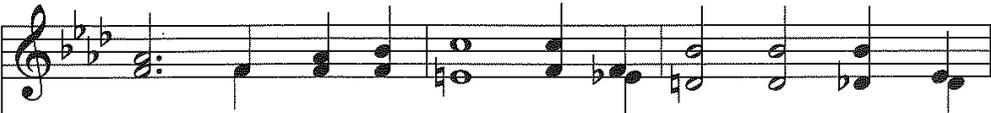
These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Jesus Calls Us

720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -




sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.