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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – OCT. 22ND, 2023
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Pendleton, Oregon

WELCOMING
WORSHIPING
SERVING



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: DIANA ZIMMERMAN

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

EMILY WILLIAMS

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 96

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; the LORD is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before God; strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; bring an offering, and come into God's courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before God, all the earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FROM EX. 33; 1 THESS. 1

God of grace, though you are always present, you often feel distant.

Our minds seek to limit your reality to things we can understand.

Expand our imaginations, that we may see your kindness and grace at work in the world around us.

When our work becomes a burden and our struggles seem pointless, save us from despair.

Remind us to ground ourselves in faith and to reach out with hope and love, as we seek to live in your ways.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PSALM 99

When we cry out to you, O God, you answer us.

You receive us, forgive us, and show us your love.

Join me in these words of forgiveness:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

We have received grace and mercy beyond measure. As a community of faith, we are called to share that grace and mercy with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

*HYMN #643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON NT P. 191 1 THESSALONIANS 1: 1-10

GOSPEL LESSON NT P. 23 MATTHEW 22: 15-22

SERMON Belonging

*HYMN #710 *We Lift Our Voices*

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY GTG #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #401 *Here in This Place*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to find out who is sitting in the pew next to you. Please join us for coffee hour following worship.
- Please pay your Per Capita to the church as you are led and able. There is a flyer with more information at the back of your bulletin.
- Bill Crane will present an organ concert today, Oct. 22nd, at 2:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church. He will be accompanied by Cellist Zach Banks and Violinist Viet Block. Our partner in this concert is the Oregon East Symphony. There will be a free-will offering for the OES Sue Nelson Endowment Fund.
- A celebration of the life of Lorna Waltz will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, October 26th at 3 PM. A reception will follow.
- Tonya-Ariana Morrison Passed away on Oct. 14th this year. A Celebration of life will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, Nov. 10th at 11:00 AM.
- Master Gardeners: Plant Sale on Sat. October 28th from 8 am- 2 pm in the Rogers Room.
- Hello fellow friends near and far, we wanted to invite you all to our 39th Soup Supper at the church on Nov. 3rd and 4th. We also have a large variety of fairly traded crafts from developing countries. Come and gift yourself or a friend some handmade crafts. Mark your calendars for this eventful evening! A flyer with more information is displayed below on your bulletins.
- Calling all cookies...but not just any cookies. Please bake cookies for the Soup Supper sale, on Nov. 3rd and 4th. Cookies should be brought to the church Vert Room by noon on the 3rd. Please label the cookie container, and note if they have nuts.
 - What should I make? Study drop cookies about 3 inches across the package very well, as do bar cookies. All-time favorites include chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal, sugar, raisin, and chocolate crinkles. Thank you for your time and effort!
- YOUTH v. GOV climate film tour: Pendleton is the last stop in an Eastern Oregon tour of the award-winning film, YOUTH v. GOV. It's about the 21 youths taking the government to court to protect their climate rights. We'll hear their stories, share some of our own during the intermission, and explore what we can do to help. Join us on Oct. 26, 6 p.m., at BMCC to experience the film.

What is Per Capita and What Does It Do?

The ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) goes beyond the work of local congregations. Presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly collaborate in efforts to bring peace, wholeness, and justice to our country.

The connectional ministry of the church is supported by the mandatory “per capita” fee each congregation pays per member. The session diligently tracks our roles to ensure that we are paying our share.

Some examples of the ministry per capita empowers are:

- Supporting those called into ministry through the ordination process and equipping both congregations and ministers to discern relationships and calls.
- Building relationships with ecumenical and interreligious partners to strengthen God’s work in the world at-large.
- Preserving the history of the church through the Presbyterian Historical Society, so that we may build bridges between who we have been, who we are, and who we are called to be.

The total per capita for 2023 is \$40.57 per member. Here is the breakdown:

\$9.85	Goes to General Assembly and funds staff, outreach, and the bi-annual General Assembly meeting.
\$5.22	Goes to the Synod of the Pacific and funds staff, cooperative ministry efforts within the synod, and synod meetings.
\$25.50	Goes to the Eastern Oregon Presbytery. The per capita portion pays our Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk, and covers costs incurred by presbytery committees as they work to encourage and empower local congregations.

Please pay your per capita to the church as you are led and able.

Rev. Jonathan Mitchell



Presbyterian Women

First Presbyterian Church
201 SW Dorion Ave Pendleton, OR

SOUP SUPPER

HOT TAKE-OUT
FRI, NOV 3
4:30 PM-7:00 PM

COLD TAKE-OUT
SAT, NOV 4
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- CLAM CHOWDER
- VEGAN VEGETABLE SOUP
- CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
- COOKIES and ROLLS



FAIR TRADE SALE

**SUPPORT PW MISSIONS
AND COMPLETE YOUR
HOLIDAY SHOPPING!**

FAIR TRADE GIFTS, ART,
NATIVITIES, KITCHEN
ITEMS, ORNAMENTS,
OLIVE OIL, CHOCOLATE,
SPICES, FIGURINES,
BASKETS, AND MORE!



CLIMATE FILM TOUR



BAKER CITY - Tue. October 24
6pm @ Churchill School
Free Tickets (bit.ly/3PYsURs)



LA GRANDE - Wed. October 25
6pm @ EOU Zabel Auditorium
Free Tickets (bit.ly/3Q2MwE5)



PENDLETON - Thu. October 26
6pm @ BMCC Sci. & Tech. #200
Free Tickets (bit.ly/3tdNJ2d)



Register now for free tickets + free popcorn!
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What can we do about
CLIMATE CHANGE?

Watch 21 youths protect their rights
by taking the government to court.