

*FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



**19th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sunday, October 8, 2023  
10:00 A.M.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** 'All Nature Sings' Alfred V. Fedak

**WELCOME** Liturgist

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist

Let us come to learn.

Let us come to witness.

Let us come to change.

Let us come to repent.

**Let us come to worship.**

**\*HYMN #467 'How Great Thou Art'**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Norlita Kaul

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Norlita Kaul

**God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken.**

**We worship idols of money, success, and power.**

**We use your name to justify whatever we do.**

**We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie,**

**we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many**

**to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer.**

*(Silent Reflection)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Rev. Norlita Kaul

Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love; God's

grace is unending. Siblings in Christ, we are

forgiven. **Thanks be to God for such graciousness!**

## **\*GLORIA PATRI**

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

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

## **A TIME TO BE YOUNG**

**ANTHEM**      'Take Root in My Heart'      Fromach/V.T. Courtney  
Beverly Pugh Corry - flute

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Liturgist

Exodus 20:1-20

### **The Ten Commandments**

**20** Then God spoke all these words,

<sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> "**You shall not make for yourself an idol**, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> **You shall not bow down to them or serve them**, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**<sup>7</sup> “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.**

**<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup> But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.**

**<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.**

**<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.**

**<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.**

**<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.**

**<sup>16</sup> “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

<sup>18</sup> When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance <sup>19</sup> and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” <sup>20</sup> Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 21:33-46

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**SERMON**

“Whose Vineyard Is It?”

Rev. Norlita Kaul

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN**

‘ For the Fruit of All Creation’

**Insert**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.**

*(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.17)*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** ‘The Lord’s My Sheppard’

Mark Sedio

**\*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.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **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** #554 'Let All Things Now Living'

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. Amen.  
*Mark 12:29–31 (Mizpah Benediction)*

**POSTLUDE** 'Rejoice, the Lord Is King' arr. David Lowe

**Serving:**

**LITURGIST- Debbie Homan**

**USHERS-Team 2-**John Ambrose, Bruce Carll  
& Ken Freitag

**COUNTERS-Team B-**Marion Carll & Heather Newkirk

**FLOWERS-** Gae Finch

"In Loving memory of my son, Peter G. Brett , on the anniversary of his birthday, October 7th."



### **Sunday, October 15th is World Food Day**

Our congregation is invited to donate whatever is possible toward the cost (\$211) of the food program facilitated by Trinity United Methodist Church in Millville. Andrew Cossaboom, one of our own, having grown up here at FPC, is working hard with this food program. He's building a new mission for Trinity UMC, providing other basic life assistance to those in need in Millville's neighborhoods. Andrew, along with his wife Christa, together they've been working within this "new church planting" endeavor for a while. This is a great opportunity for our church to help our neighboring community and sister body of Christ as being a part of Christ's Church Universal, here in Cumberland County. We too can help address the real life needs/issues for others in our area. Please prayerfully consider participating.

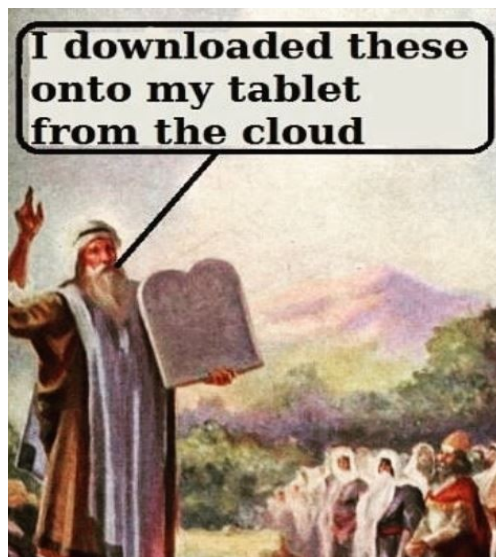


### **"Our Christmas Dinner" - a holiday musical**

This Amish take on *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* serves up plenty of laughs, holiday memories and a whole lot of football.

**Interested in lunch followed by a 1:00pm show at Bird-in-Hand on Wednesday, December 13, 2023?**

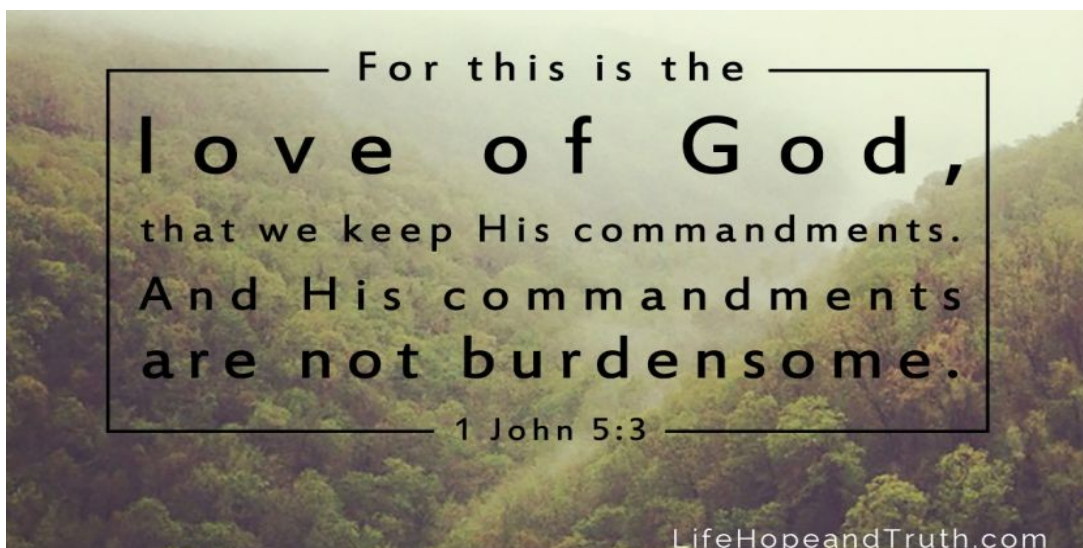
**Contact Debbie Homan.** Cost of lunch and show is \$64 per person. Arrangements will be made for car-pooling.



## Intergenerational Ten Commandments

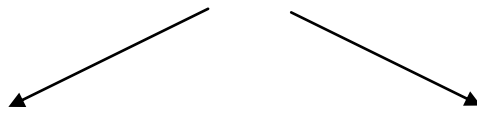
From Carolyn Brown's *Worshipping with Children* website:

- <sup>1</sup> God is God – even at school!
- <sup>2</sup> God is more important than anything – even grades or friends.
- <sup>3</sup> Always say God's name respectfully and represent God carefully.
- <sup>4</sup> Don't get too busy for church and rest.
- <sup>5</sup> Speak to and about those in charge with respect.
- <sup>6</sup> Don't hurt anyone, watch where you sling your book bag, and Look out for the younger kids.
- <sup>7</sup> Be a loyal friend, Respect your body and other people's bodies too.
- <sup>8</sup> Do not steal -either other people's stuff or the answers on their work.
- <sup>9</sup> Don't tell lies about other people -either to get them in trouble or make yourself look good.
- <sup>10</sup> Don't get jealous of what others have or what they can do.





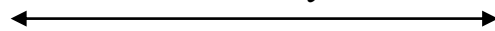
GOD  
(Spoken Word)  
(Creation)  
(Ten Commandments)



Humanity to God



Humanity



## Prayer List:

### Those facing health concerns:

Debbie F. (recovery)      Linda W. (recovery)  
Bev P-C. (cancer)      Nick M. (cancer)  
John G. (cancer)      Ben S. (Darlene's Dad - Hospice)



### Those at home/in care:

Bebe D.      Jim/Mel B.

## Other Concerns: Unspoken Requests

## ***TODAY POTLUCK / FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP***

### This Month of October:

Serving:

**Liturgist:** Debbie Homan

#### **Flowers:**

10/8 - Gae F.

10/15 -

10/22 -

10/29 - Rev. Norlita

#### **Fellowship:**

Potluck

Howard T.

Anne S.



## November Newsletter



-articles due by **Wednesday, October 18th**

-give to Debbie H. or give to Christie in the office.

### **Meetings:**

**October** - 10/8-Congregational Mtg., 10/9-Deacons,  
10/9-Worship Committee, 10/10-BSCA, 10/16-Trustees

\*\*\* Church office will be closed Friday, October 13th.

**TOTS Gathering:** Tues. 10/17 @ Noon at Caroline Os' home  
Please **RSVP** to the Church office by **October 10, 2023.**

You can email [firstpresbridgeton@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbridgeton@gmail.com) or call 856-455-0809.

*If you need directions to Caroline's home, please call the office.*





**Looking Ahead -This Week:**

10/8 - Congregational Mtg. w/ Potluck lunch 1 pm

10/9 - Worship Committee Mtg. 1 pm

10/9 - Deacon's Mtg. 7 pm

10/11 - Choir Practice 7:30 pm

10/ 13 - Church Office Closed

10/15 - World Food Day



**Looking Ahead -Next Week:**

*10/16-10/23 Rev Norlita away - Cont. Ed. @ Montreat PCUSA*

*10/16 - Trustees Mtg. 7 pm*

*10/17 - Time Out Tuesday 12pm @ Caroline O's home*

*10/18 - Choir Practice 7:30 pm*

## Session Members

Debbi  
Boykin-Greenberg

Albert Fooks

Curtis Homan

Debbie Homan

Franz Pampuch

Sandy Zimmerman

Rev. Norlita Kaul,  
Moderator

## Deacons

Linda Ambrose

Amy Brewer

Robert Dragotta

Marie Dunham

Debbie Fooks

Darlene Freitag

Robin Freitag

Jane Hankins

Jody Husted

Heather Newkirk

Marge Pampuch

## Trustees

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