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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.



Power Play, Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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We warmly welcome all members and guests who are joining us for worship today. In the Christian calendar, we are currently observing the Season After Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. The season of Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays of the year that fall outside the periods of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The word “ordinary” refers to the ordinal numbers assigned to each Sunday as we count the weeks between the Church’s seasons. Ordinary Time can be understood as the living out of the Christian faith and the meaning of Christ’s resurrection in our day-to-day lives. The liturgical color for the season is green, representing the life and growth of the church and its ministry.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered in the children’s building during the worship hour. Large print hymn sheets and T-coil access are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Finley Boyd & Sophia Stertz

PRELUDE

“Face to Face”

arr. Franklin Ritter

Justin Addington, Organ

GREETING & INVOCATION

Casey Callahan

*HYMN 533

“What Gift Can We Bring”

ANNIVERSARY

*AFFIRMATION OF FATH

Amy Stertz

We believe in God, the Source of all life,
in whose image every person is made
and to whom all creation belongs.
God calls us to lives of justice, faithfulness, and love,
reminding us that our highest allegiance is
to the One who gives us life.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
who reveals the wisdom and truth of God.
Through his life and teachings, Christ calls us
beyond the powers and divisions of this world to
seek first the reign of God,
giving to earthly authorities what is theirs,
and offering to God our whole selves.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,
who guides us in truth, strengthens us in faith,
and empowers us to live as people of God's kingdom.
The Spirit reminds us that we bear God's image
and belong, in life and in death, to the One who
calls, redeems, and sustains us.

We believe in one God, Source, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
to whom belong all glory, honor, and praise,
now and forever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father ”

GREATOREX

The musical score is written for three staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 99

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Through It All”

by Andraé Crouch

with Evan Goetz, Solo

*I've had many tears and sorrows, I've had questions for tomorrow,
there's been times I didn't know right from wrong.
But in every situation, God gave me blessed consolation,
that my trials come to only make me strong.*

*Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God.
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's Word.*

*I've been to lots of places, I've seen a lot of faces,
there's been times I felt so all alone.
But in my lonely hours, yes, those precious lonely hours,
Jesus lets me know that I was his own*

*I thank God for the mountains, and I thank God for the valleys,
I thank God for the storms he brought me through.
For if I'd never had a problem, I wouldn't know God could solve them,
I'd never know what having faith in God could do.*

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

Gloria Keown

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Whose Image Is This?”

Mack Dennis

RESPONDING

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

Will Arledge

RESPONSE 460

“Here, O My Lord”
(*Stanza 1 - Please remain seated to sing.*)

ELLERS

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Rick Pollard, *Ron’s Rainbow Fellowship*

OFFERTORY

“Offertory” by John Ness Beck
with Laura Bratton, Conductor & Bryan Boone, Solo
(*The text is based on Micah 6:8*)

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be - low; praise God, a - bove ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beverly Pennell

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 657

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways”

GERMANY

CALL TO COMMUNITY

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

by J.S. Bach

**Those who are able, please stand.*

THIS WEEK

Bible Study

Today at 9:45 a.m.

A Time of Prayer

Today at 9:15 a.m.

College/YA Breakfast

Today at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Pre-Trip

Meeting

Today at 12:00 p.m.

Handbells Practice

Today at 3:00 p.m.

AYC Rehearsals

Today at 4:00 p.m.

(Chorale)

4:30 p.m.

(Concert Choir)

Wednesday

Night Activities

See schedule below

Free Market & Lunch at the Crossroads

Thursday
at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Fall Retreat

Friday - Sunday

WELCOME

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If you are a guest with us today, greetings! We joyfully proclaim the sacred worth of all people and welcome you with glad hearts. Please complete the “Connect with Us” card from your pew, and place it in the plate during the Offertory. We would love to connect with you.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Fall is a beautiful time in the Sacred Garden—our outdoor sanctuary for prayer, reflection, walking the labyrinth, and enjoying God’s creation. It’s also a place to remember loved ones who are part of the “great cloud of witnesses.” To learn more about purchasing a niche or memorial plaque, contact the church office. You can also honor or remember loved ones by making a gift to support the Sacred Garden.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Beverly Pennell

PASTOR ON CALL

Casey Callahan

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Menu

5:00 p.m. - Meal

6:00 p.m. - Adult Chapel Study

AgapeKids

Youth Koinonia

7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir

Chicken

Potato Casserole

Broccoli w/Cheese

Corn Bread

Dessert

Kids - Chicken

Nuggets & Fries

(\$7/adult, \$3/child &
youth, \$20/family max)



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Children's Choir Rehearsal

Ron's Rainbow

Today * Noon * Conference Dining Room

Ron's Rainbow Fellowship will meet today, immediately following worship in the Conference Room behind the Dining Room. We will share a meal together and hear Justin Addington and Evan Goetz share their faith journeys.

Wednesday in the Chapel

Wednesday, October 21 * 6:00 p.m. * Chapel

Our Pastoral Resident, Paula Garrett, who is also an English Professor at Warren Wilson College, will lead a guided writing experience reflecting on the stories, memories, and meaningful moments that have taken place within the walls of our sanctuary. This space has been the setting for some of the most meaningful experiences in our lives and in the life of the church. Join us as we reflect on the stories that have shaped our community of faith.

Trunk of Treats: Community-wide event

Sunday, October 25 * 5:00 p.m. * Sanctuary Parking Lot

Trunk of Treats is coming soon. Help make this a great event for kids from our church and community! You can decorate and pass out candy to children. You can donate candy to the bin in the Atrium. If you would like to host a trunk or want more information about this event, please contact Amy Stertz (astertz@fbca.net) to volunteer.

PASTORAL STAFF

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Rev. Dr. Mack Dennis

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