

September 17, 2023 . . . 10 am Worship Guide

A digital version of this week's Worship Guide is available at www.fpcc.org.

Our worship follows the pattern of Isaiah's experience of God during worship at the Temple ([Isaiah 6:1-8](#)). We join the praise of heaven, confess our sins, hear God's forgiveness, and respond to his instruction for our lives. This is the high calling of worship! When you get time, open a digital copy of the Worship Guide, click the links, and see the scriptures behind every worship movement!



We Gather to Seek God's Grace...

Scripture Affirmation

[Ephesians 2:8-9](#)

For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

^Song: [In Christ Alone](#)

[Click for the song's scripture basis](#)

God Offers Grace by Calling Us to Worship...

^Call to Worship

[Heidelberg Catechism Question 1 & 2 \(shortened\)](#)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

All: I believe, with body and soul, in life and in death, that I am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Therefore, by the Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life and makes my heart willing and ready to live for him from now on.

Leader: What do you need to know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

All: First, how great my sins and misery are. Second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery. And third, how to thank God for such deliverance.

^Song: [All I Have is Christ](#)

[click for the song's scripture basis](#)

God Offers Grace in Our Confession of Sin...

Call to Confession of Sin

[Isaiah 55:6-8](#)

Unison Prayer of Confession

[Lam 3:22; Deut 31:8; Jn 14:16; 1 Pet 2:2](#)

Lord God, you are good. Your love and grace are never-ending toward me. You promise never to leave or forsake me. Forgive me when I forget your love, grace, and comfort. I confess my forgetfulness is caused by a distracted life, fear, or a closed bible. Lord Jesus, you promised the Holy Spirit to be my advocate, and I receive him now. Make me thirsty for your Word so that I may know my salvation. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

[Ephesians 1:3, 7-8](#)

We Offer Our Hearts: [All Who Are Thirsty](#)

[Isaiah 55:1; John 7:37-39](#)

God Offers Grace Through His Word...

Scripture Reading: [Matthew 25:14-46](#)

Sermon: *Are You Ready for the Groom? (Part 2)*

God Sends Us to Live in the Power of His Grace...

^Song: [The Lord Is By My Side](#)

[Ps 118:6; Ps 29:11; Ps 8:3; Ps 23:1-6](#)

^Benediction

[Matthew 24:46, Gal 6:9-10](#)

^Please stand, if able.



Journey Notes

Join us on a journey to follow Jesus, grow together, and make disciples.

Welcome!

Guests: Please fill out a Welcome Card. They are found in the pew rack behind the offering envelopes, and you can drop them into the offering plate. Thank you!

We offer childcare during worship for infants through pre-k students. See anyone with a name tag for directions to the childcare room.

Bring Your Children to Church. Before the offering, kindergarten through third-grade children are invited and led to Room 100 in the Education Wing for a bible lesson. No sign-up is necessary. Contact Pastor Jeremy Collins with questions at collins@fpcb.org.



Today, we are launching a New Ministry for Preteens called 456! This is for kids in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. On Sunday mornings during worship, when dismissed by Pastor Paul or Jeremy, they will leave with Trinity Kids and head downstairs to the Preteen room, where they will walk through a curriculum called *The Gospel Project*. They will be led by adult teachers and high school and middle school teaching assistants.

To receive *The Map*, our weekly email, contact our Communications Director, Julie, at kastelic@fpcb.org or 724-443-1555, ext. 224.

Care...

Is your household facing a health concern, hospitalization, or hospice? Contact Member Care Minister Sandy Floyd at floyd@fpcb.org or 724-443-1555, ext. 241, or Pastor Paul at ext. 222.

We are privileged to pray for you. Please submit prayer requests using the link at the bottom of our weekly emails or click [here](#). Elders, ministry staff, and an intercessory prayer team will pray for your request. You may also choose to write "unspoken request."

Notable...

Serving up Bible Studies. Many of our women's bible studies are resuming this month. There are also three men's studies meeting currently. Please see *The Map* for a full schedule or click [here](#).

Yellow Card Tally for Communion, September 10: 129 cards / 137 attendees. When you complete a card, it won't qualify you for heaven, but it allows you to join others in saying, "We are united in Christ!"

If you signed up to receive our weekly email, *The Map*, but do not receive it, please contact Julie Kastelic at 724-443-1555, ext. 224 or kastelic@fpcb.org.

Preschool is back in session. BPCCC began its school year this past week. Please proceed cautiously when entering the parking lot, and be sure to park in the upper line area or the diagonal parking near the Administration Building.

Contact Us...

Need something from our office? We are open Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please call or schedule a meeting to ensure that the staff person you wish to see is available. There are times when vacations, sickness, off-site tasks, or duties outside office hours require adaptations. **Office Phone:** 724-443-1555.

Looking Ahead

Oct. 1	Worship: World Communion Sunday - Communion will be observed.
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