



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENID
NOVEMBER 12, 2023 —
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:50AM

REVEREND BUD RUGGIA,
MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
JASON BENGE, LITURGIST

————— GATHERING —————

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching,
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth,
and I will share the wisdom of our ancestors.

**We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,
and God's might, and the wonders God has done.**

The Lord commanded that we teach them to our children
and to generations yet unborn.

So that they should set their hope in God, and keep God's commandments.

***Hymn:** "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" # 299

CALL TO CONFESSION

As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions
from us. With the assurance of God's healing mercy, we need not fear to confess
our Sin. But, instead, we come honestly, seeking to be made whole.

Let us confess our need for God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your way for us is clear: we are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. Too often, when we could reflect your mercy, we turn aside. We return unkindness with unkindness. We cling to what we are called to share; we avoid those who are not “like us,” and fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Show us again that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, for we pray all this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.
**For we are what God made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**
Believe the promise of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*** RESPONSE— 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.**

———— THE WORD ————

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let your word dwell within us richly, O Lord.
Let your truth ring as a clarion through the clatter around us.
Hold us in this time, that your wisdom may shape us in our humanity,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

READING: DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“Keep Your Lamps”

FPC CHOIR

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

SERMON: “The Prime Directive”

THE REVEREND BUD RUGGIA

***RESPONSE HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" # 69**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED) PG.35

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth...

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

The November Special Mission gifts will support Loaves & Fishes. Donations made to Special Mission projects are matched up to \$1000 by the Mission Committee.

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

————— SENDING —————

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" # 366**

***BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**