

***Congregational Benediction**

**Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know
we are one in you**

Congregational Meeting

FCPC Trustees (3-year term): Bill Keeler, Joe Ben Wilson (2025)

FCPC Trustee (1-year term): Daryl Fansler (2023)

FCPC Foundation (5-year term): JD Sullivan (2027)

Additionally, at the called congregational meeting we recommend approval of the slate of new ruling elders to serve as Session officers.

Session Class of 2025:

Our recommendation to the congregation is: April Lamb, Brett Miller, Paula Rhea, Tracye Robertson, Carl Snow.

We give thanks to these servant leaders who have agreed to serve our congregation. This will be the first time to serve on Session for April, Paula, and Carl. Brett has previously served on FCPC Session, and Tracye served as an elder at her previous church.

The ONC team members for 2022 are Joan Biddle, Don Grogan, Darlene Miller, Casey Taylor, and Jim Thompson.

Postlude

Greeters	Bill New, Mary Beth New
Ushers	David Decker, Tony Tuk
Liturgist	Diana Davis
Music	Hunter Wilburn, Krista Heilmeier, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble
Minister	Dr. Andy Morgan

The flowers this morning are given in honor of Rev. Dr. Andy Morgan for Pastor Appreciation Month

Andy Morgan



October 30, 2022

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Recognizing New Members

Diana Davis, April Estes, Alicia Mau, Meghan Tidwell, John Wilkins, Lisa Wilkins

Andy Morgan

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

All: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

Leader: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

All: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.

Leader: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

Diana Davis

Prayer of the Day

Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives.

Release us from our feelings of insignificance and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

Diana Davis

***Hymn #56 To God Be The Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done: so loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to ev'ry believer the promise of God.

The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,

but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Ritual of Friendship

Andy Morgan

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register
located on the center aisle under the pew in front*

Call to Confession

Leader: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

Diana Davis

Prayer of Confession

Diana Davis

O God, sometimes we cannot see you. We search for you and have to strain to hear your voice. And yet you come to us where we are, in our sinful lives. You forgive us and change our hearts through the grace of your son, Jesus and his liberating love. Forgive us again, as we thank you for your presence in our lives. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Diana Davis

You have always been loved by God. Know that you are healed and forgiven, that God has placed a special blessing in your life. Rejoice! For God is with you. Serve God in all that you say, think, and do. Amen.

****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 the Peace***

Diana Davis

Leader: Beloved, our sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just.

All: Therefore, may we be reconciled to the Lord and to one another, walking in the light of Christ.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Diana Davis

Leader: By your Spirit, O God, let us hear your word, that we may know your truth and follow you with new resolve to work and wait for the coming reign of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Psalm Reading Psalm 119:137-144

Diana Davis

Epistle Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Diana Davis

Children's Sermon

Lyn Oakley

Worship - Anthem I am Bound For The Kingdom

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.
I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me?
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway Clouds will overspread the sky.
But when traveling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh!
I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me?
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Let us be then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay.
I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me?
Hallelujah, praise the Lord! I am bound for the kingdom,
Will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty will behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.
I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me?
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Gospel Reading Luke 19:1-10

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Sermon - They might be your kin

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****Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed***

Diana Davis

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Andy Morgan

All: 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

Call for Offering

Diana Davis

Leader: Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory

****Doxology***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

****Prayer of Dedication***

All: Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love? You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope. Most of all you have given us your very self, for our life and the life of the world. In gratitude we bring our gifts, for the sake of those you love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

****Hymn #572 Blessed Assurance***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

****Charge***

Diana Davis

Leader: God is the rock to which you cling, your hiding place. This doesn't mean that now you should go where no one can find you. Instead, this week, I invite you: come down out of your own sycamore tree. Jesus is coming to your home, to where you work or learn or play. Don't be afraid. It'll be all right. Today salvation has come to this house, because you too are a son or daughter of Abraham and Sarah.

****Benediction***

Andy Morgan