SONG OF ASSURANCE

Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth. Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, who lifts up those who are bowed down. Let us humble ourselves and confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ. We prepare to hear God’s word. Silence is held for personal confession. The spirit, the familiar over the faithful, the comfortable over the courageous, the spirit, the loyal over dialogue. O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Forgive us of our sins and move us to live as people transformed. Go God of mercy, hear our prayers. Your spirit calls us to movement and change, but we are stubborn, hesitant, and fearful. We choose the familiar over the faithful, the comfortable over the courageous, the selflessness over service, diatribe over dialogue. O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Forgive us of our sins and move us to live as people transformed.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, in all creation.

*HYMN # 370 “This Is My Father’s World”

Thanksgiving. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are the people of the Lord, and the time has come to share the good news of salvation. We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ. We prepare to hear God’s word. Silence is held for personal confession. The spirit, the familiar over the faithful, the comfortable over the courageous, the spirit, the loyal over dialogue. O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Forgive us of our sins and move us to live as people transformed. Go God of mercy, hear our prayers. Your spirit calls us to movement and change, but we are stubborn, hesitant, and fearful. We choose the familiar over the faithful, the comfortable over the courageous, the selflessness over service, diatribe over dialogue. O God of mercy, hear our prayers. Forgive us of our sins and move us to live as people transformed.

RESPONSE

This is the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Making Way For Your New Creation”

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Brubaker Davis

We respond to God’s word.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Two bell tones will signal the beginning and the end of a brief period of silence for your individual meditation and reflection.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

We pray to the Lord... Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (p. 35)

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

A TIME FOR GENCROSITY

Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God, with gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY “An Irish Medley”

Handbell Choir/Flute

*DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; We praise you God, whom we adore. Amen.
**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox, we give thanks for these gifts and pray they might be agents of your peace. May they serve your creation as we seek to make way for your new heaven and new earth. Amen.

* HYMN #372 “O For A World ”

**BENEDICTION**

**LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES WITH US**

(We carry the Christ Candle out of the sanctuary as a reminder that God’s love is with us, even as we go out in peace, guided by the Spirit to bring healing and hope to a broken, hurting, and grieving world.)

*HYMN # 547 “Go My Children, with my Blessing” (Stanza 1 only)

**POSTLUDE**

**PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**FORUM FOR ALL:** Today we will continue to profile the agencies that the Outreach Committee contributions support. PDC Orenda Center provides victim services to individuals and families at risk of domestic abuse ranging from case management, legal advocacy, and prevention education to secure emergency housing. Executive Director, Renee Schulz, will join us to present this important work and how we can continue to help.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m.

**MOBILE DIRECTORY** Anyone listed in the current church directory may have access to the directory in digital format. The church secretary has the app code needed to access the directory using a smart cell phone. A request for access to the directory from someone not listed in the directory will be referred to the membership committee.

**HUNGER ACTION:** FPC will be collecting canned carrots, boxed pudding or jello (no pre-made), and dried soup mix (no Ramen) through December. Questions, please contact Janet Crossley or Soup or Socks.

A rare opportunity: **INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE**, Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m. in our sanctuary organized and led by Marshfield community members of the Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Mormon, Native Indian, and Presbyterian faith traditions. The service will include meditations, readings, rituals, song and prayer on the unifying themes of gratitude and peace. A pie and dessert reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Bring a pie or other dessert to share. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Donations for Soup or Socks will also be received at the door.

**FORGOT TO TURN IN YOUR 2020 PLEDGE LAST WEEK?** It’s not too late. Use one of the pledge cards available at the entrance to the sanctuary and in the Narthex, and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office.

**SCRIP CARDS:** Christmas is coming! Each year, several people purchase scrip cards as Christmas gifts for friends/relatives. Just as a reminder, there are several varieties of scrip cards in our inventory that could be of use such as Applebee’s (a few), Dunkin’ Donuts (several), GAP/Old Navy (a few), Olive Garden/Red Lobster (several), Walmart (quite a few) and Kwik Trip (a lot and in various denominations), Fleet Farm, Festival and Pick ‘n Save.

**HOME BOUND MEMBERS:** Each week we list one of our members or friends and encourage you to send a card or note. On this week’s list is Meda Heywood, 1204 W 5th St., Marshfield, WI 54449.

**CHURCH HOURS:** In recognition of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the church office will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 29th. Blessings to you and your loved ones.

**GREEN TIP:** Recycling Tip: Plastic lids removed from non-plastic containers may be recycled in our church kiosk. They are delivered to a facility in Elroy.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Dale Dooge, Therese Brooks’ cousin, Mary, and Jennifer Wierzbicki. Names for the prayer list should be given to the church office: 715-384-2484 or secretary@fpcmarshfield.org. Names will be kept on prayer list for two months unless requested otherwise.

Our Mission Statement..."First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin seeks to welcome all to join us on our journey of faith, denying no one, based upon his or her particular human condition, participation in the life of the church. We want to be a safe place, a sanctuary where people are accepted, included, and cared for as they are. We will be agents of God’s transforming power, aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit as we pray, worship, learn, share fellowship and serve together. By attending to the love of Jesus Christ in our midst, we discover a deepening faith that makes a difference in our lives. As a community based on God’s love, we strive to be of service to our neighbors and to the world.”