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## Order of Worship November 3, 2024

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

*Please sign and pass the friendship pad.*

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Place of Hope Ministries

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Darin

Come, let us praise the Lord!

**Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!**

For God has done wonderful things for us.

**God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.**

Come, let us praise the Lord!

**Let us sing songs of great joy to God.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Darin

\*HYMN

*What Is This Place*

No. 404

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sara Rebeck

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sara Rebeck

**God of grace and mercy, we often say that we love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, but when we look closely at our lives, we confess that our hearts are full of concerns that are not your concerns. Our souls are neglected. You are barely on our minds, and our strength is depleted by things that do not have anything to do with you. Please forgive us our sin. Cleanse us. Renew us. Reform us. We ask this in the name of the One who died to set us free, Jesus the Christ. Amen**

*(Silence for individual confession)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sara Rebeck

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

*Glory be to The Father*

No. 581

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sara Rebeck

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ruth 1:1-18

Sara Rebeck

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup> Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.”

<sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.” <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup> So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

Pastor Darin

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup> and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“God and Neighbor”

Pastor Darin



# First Presbyterian Church Happenings

## Serving Us Today (Nov. 3)

Rev. Darin Seaman (Pastor), Sara Rebeck (Worship Leader), John Bowden, John Pike (Ushers), Carol Brink (Greeter), Lori Smith, Rickie Espelien (Nursery), Closer Walk, Jullian Euteneuer (Musician), Jay Espelien, Andrew Giese, Karen Ondracek (Audio), Carol Brink (Equal Exchange), **Tom Horn**, Jeanne Duininck, Stephanie Randolph, Alvin Yu, Rhonda Siltman, Dick Andzenge, Karen Larson, (Communion Servers)

## Annual Fall Bake - Soup - Craft Sale (Nov 22-24)

Reminder to start thinking about the Annual Craft Sale Dates of the sale are Nov 22 & 23rd from 9am to 2pm. Nov 24th after church service. Drop off donation on Nov 21st and Nov 22nd in Fellowship Hall.

## Directory updates (Oct.27)

Please review the Church Directory printed in the back of the church and make updates as needed.

## Thanksgiving Potluck

Our community meal is a potluck after church on **Sunday, Nov 17th** after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider bringing the following based on your last name: **A-L Desserts and Salads, M-Z Main Dish.** This will also be GIFT Sunday

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**Kids** are welcome during worship. We have Faithful Friends—an area just off the sanctuary for younger children who want to remain with their families but find it difficult to sit for the service. Kids' bags are also provided for help with children sitting in the pews. A nursery is provided for children under four.

**Hearing devices** are available from the sound desk.

We collect an **offering** each week. The offering, collected before and after worship, can be dropped in an offering plate located at the front and back of our sanctuary. You may also give online at [fpstcloud.org](http://fpstcloud.org)

**Sermon outlines** are provided at the back of our sanctuary.

The worship service is **livestreamed** on YouTube. You can join us again online or in person.

**Name tags** are provided in the pew rack in front of you.

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## Mon., November 4

7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group  
7:00 pm - Deacons Meeting

## Tues., November 5

### Election Day

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study  
5:30 pm - LowerTown Rehearsal

## Wed., November 6

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study  
2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group  
4:30 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm - Crusade Rehearsal  
7:00 pm - Ring! Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm - Confirmation

## Calendar

## Thur., November 7

3:00 pm - Men's Quintet

## Fri., November 8

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

## Sun., November 10

9:00 am - Youth Sunday School  
10:00 am - Worship