



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people
know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11th, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 106

Praise the LORD!

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD
or declare all his praise?**

Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

**Remember us, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;
help us when you deliver them,**

that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that we may glory in your heritage.

OPENING PRAYER

You, O God, are mighty forever. You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall.
You sustain the living, give life to the dead, support the falling, loose those who are
bound, and keep your faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like you, O
God of mighty acts? Praise be to you forever. Amen.

HYMN PH #305 “Come Sing, O Church in Joy!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus says, “Are you tired? Burned out? Worn out? Come to me.” He promises rest.
When we come before God and confess our sins, We are not only handing over

those burdens, We are asking Jesus to give us rest. Listen to the Messiah. In this time of confession, allow him to take those burdens away. Confess.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (join on bold)

We bless you, Holy God, with everything we have. We bless your holy name.

You are the God who forgives us, redeems us, heals us. You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and full of love. As far as the east is from the west, so far do you remove sin from us.

Sins for which we can't forgive ourselves, sins for which others cannot forgive us.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us how to forgive.

Free us from the things that get in the way—of our relationship with others, with ourselves, and with you. Cast out our sin and enter into our lives, that we might be your people grounded in love, grace, humility, and peace. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Christ died and was resurrected so that we may have a new life and be forgiven of our sins.

This is wonderful news!

Now go out and act as loved and forgiven people. Be at peace and know that you're forgiven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed you are, Lord, great God, for the testimonies of the prophets we bless you. For the statutes of the law we bless you. For the gospel of Christ and the witness of the apostles we bless you, O glorious God. Grant to us the Spirit of your glory and the brightness of your presence that we might read your Word and understand. Through Jesus Christ, our gracious Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-9

25 O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

SPECIAL MUSIC Peg Fowler and Robbie Carnes

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 10:5-15

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

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TABLETALK WITH GOD’S CHILDREN

SERMON The Great Commission: Jesus Sends

Pastor Lindsey Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN PH #802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

No one gives oneself freely and willingly to God’s service unless, having tasted the Father’s love, that one is drawn in love and worships God in return. Let us respond to God’s generous love with generosity.

(If you would like a written prayer request, joy, or thanksgiving included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

Let us pray: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Will the Ushers Please come forward.

OFFERTORY

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**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.

HYMN PH #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (verse 1-4)

CHARGE - based on Ephesians 1:18-19

As you leave the sanctuary today, may you know the hope to which God has called you, experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe. Amen.

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you
now and forevermore.

POSTLUDE

Peace be with you!...and also with you!

Announcements

Be sure to visit the sign-up table before you leave on Sunday mornings! There are many opportunities to volunteer and serve.

A Full Size Adjustable Bed Frame is available at no cost to anyone who can use it. Please contact Janet Stork or the Church Office for more information.

Love Your Neighbor lawn signs are available in the church office for \$6. Make a peacemaking statement, see Pastor Robbie for more information.

Annual Community Turkey Dinner – Gather around the table with us for one of our favorite traditions! Our Annual Community Turkey Dinner returns on Saturday, November 14th. Enjoy a delicious traditional turkey dinner and a wonderful evening of fellowship with friends, family, and neighbors throughout our community.

November 14th, 2026, Doors open at 5:30 PM, with grace at 5:45 PM. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$7 for children 10 and under. To-go dinners will also be available!

Volunteers Needed! Many helping hands make this special community tradition possible! Whether you can help with preparation, serving, or cleanup, we would love your support. Please sign up to volunteer in Fellowship Hall. Every helping hand makes a difference! **For tickets or additional information**, please contact the church office at 810-629-7801. Come hungry, bring a friend, and help us share the warmth of community!

Work Group Volunteers Needed - Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Help us prepare the church for the colder months! Volunteers are needed for preventive and seasonal maintenance on the church's HVAC system. Thank you for helping care for our church building!

Donations & Volunteers Needed: Community Trick or Treat Event - Help us welcome our neighbors on **October 30!** We're collecting candy and non-candy treats for our table, including stickers, pencils, and small toys, so we can offer something fun for everyone. Volunteers are also needed to help with setup, cleanup, and handing out treats. **Sign up in Fellowship Hall.** Thank you for helping make this a fun and welcoming evening for our community!

Women's Lunch Gathering - All women are invited! Join us for our next Women's Lunch on Thursday, October 29, at 1:00 PM at Boston's Restaurant & Sports Bar in Fenton! Come enjoy a delicious lunch, great conversation, and a relaxed afternoon together. Whether you're a regular at our gatherings or joining us for the first time, we'd love to see you! Bring a friend, neighbor, or family member—everyone is welcome! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall so we know you're joining us!

Men's Lunch Gathering - All men are invited! Join us for our next Men's Lunch on Friday, October 30, at 12:30 PM at Woody's Tavern in Fenton! Come enjoy a good meal, great conversation, and a relaxed afternoon with friends. Whether you're a regular at our gatherings or joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you! Bring a friend, neighbor, or family member—everyone is welcome! Good food, great company, and a chance to connect!

🎲 GAME NIGHT - Saturday, November 7th at 7:00 PM

Come for the games, stay for the fellowship! Join us for a relaxed evening filled with games, laughter, and great company. Whether you're a board game enthusiast, love a good card game, or simply enjoy spending time with others, there's a place for you at the table! Feel free to bring a favorite game and a snack or beverage to share! We'll have plenty of games available too, so just come ready for a fun evening together! Invite a friend, bring the family, or come on your own. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there!

🎬 First Friday Movie Night Returns! - Friday, November 6th at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room. First Friday Movie Night is back! Join us for a fun and relaxing evening together as we enjoy a movie, snacks, and good company. Save the date and watch for more details about October's movie! Everyone is welcome—bring a friend and join the fun!

Missing Kitchen Dishcloths and Aprons - A few dishcloths and aprons are missing from the church kitchen. If you took any home to wash or borrowed them for an event, please check and return them to the kitchen when you can. Thank you for helping us keep the kitchen ready for everyone who uses it!

Tuesday Knitting Group - Weekly at 1pm in the church library. Come join us for a cozy and creative time at our Tuesday Knitting Group! Whether you're an experienced knitter or just getting started, all are welcome. Bring your current project—or simply come to learn, share ideas, and enjoy friendly conversation together. It's a wonderful way to relax, connect, and create something meaningful. We'd love to have you join us!

Women's Bible Study – Angels by Melissa Spoelstra - Wed. Mornings: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. or Thurs. Evenings (Zoom): 6:30–8:00 p.m. What does the Bible really say about angels? Join us as we journey through Scripture from Genesis to Revelation, discovering who angels are, what they do, and how their work always points to the power and purpose of God.

Tuesday Adult Bible Study Tuesdays from 11:00 AM–12:15 PM in the Conference Room. Based on the book, “The Good Shepherd, A Thousand-Year Journey from Psalm 23 to the New Testament” by Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey, we are exploring the theme of the Good Shepherd through the Old and New Testaments striving to learn more about the character of God and the actions of Jesus in our world. Whether you've attended before or are thinking about joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you. The coffee is always hot, and the conversation is always fruitful!

Growing Personally & Spiritually (GPS) - Mondays • 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Are you longing to grow deeper in your faith while finding greater emotional and spiritual health? Join us as we begin our new study, *Journey of the Soul: A Practical Guide to Emotional and Spiritual Growth* by Bill and Kristi Gaultiere. Together we'll discover how God meets us in every season of life, helping us move beyond feeling stuck and continue growing in grace, hope, and Christ-centered living. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office so we can order your copy of the book. Participants are also welcome to purchase their own copy if they prefer.

Sunday Evening Adult Study - Exploring the Ten Commandments

05:00 PM (Most Sundays) Conference Room at 4Square Tax & Accounting - 205 Lincoln St., Fenton, MI. We are taking a closer look at the **Ten Commandments**—their history, meaning, and how they apply to our lives today. **Everyone is welcome!**

Flowers for Worship - If you would like to provide flowers for worship, we invite you to bring flowers from your garden or purchase a bouquet from a grocery store or florist of your choice. If you plan to provide flowers, please contact Heidi Roberts in advance.

FFPC Book Binders Book Group - “Get lost in a good book...and find great friends along the way!” Join us on the **second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM** as we gather to discuss a new book and enjoy great conversation with fellow book lovers! Expect thoughtful discussion, a few laughs, and plenty of book-loving fun. Contact Mary Zimble for more information.

🎵 Come Make a Joyful Noise! - Our Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir are back, and there's always room for more! Join us on Wednesday evenings for music, fellowship, and the joy of making music together. Whether you're a longtime musician or simply looking for a new way to get involved, we'd love to have you join us!



Handbell Choir: 6:30–7:15 PM



Chancel Choir: 7:30–9:00 PM