

Sermon Series: *Living for the Kingdom* **"What Have You Been Given?"**

When this symbol (✞) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Ushers collect blue prayer card requests during the first hymn.
Friends, check in or sign up for our Friday newsletter using the back of the blue prayer card.

Worship Leaders The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith Richard Byess, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Thanks Be to Thee" George Frideric Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 123)

To you, O Lord, we lift our eyes, to you who reigns in heaven!
Our hope is in the Lord, whose mercy never fails.
As servants look to the hand of their master, so we look to the Lord our God.
We wait upon God's grace and trust in his steadfast love.
The Lord is gracious and compassionate, faithful to all who call upon him.
We will seek his presence and rejoice in his goodness!
Come, let us worship the Lord, whose mercy sustains us and whose love endures forever!

✞ **HYMN 39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

✞ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful and sovereign God, we lift our eyes to you, for you alone are the source of our hope and salvation. Yet we confess that we have often placed our confidence in ourselves rather than in your unfailing grace. We have been impatient in our waiting, reluctant in our obedience, and slow to recognize your hand at work among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Through the redeeming love of Jesus Christ, restore our trust in your promises, renew our hearts by your Holy Spirit, and lead us in the paths of righteousness, that our lives may bear witness to your mercy and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
Silence for personal confession

✞ **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news! The mercy of God is greater than our sin, and his faithfulness endures even when ours falters. Through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, we have received forgiveness and peace with God.
Thanks be to God, whose steadfast love never fails!
And by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord continues his gracious work within us, strengthening our faith and renewing us in his image. Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
By God's grace, we are made new! Alleluia! Amen.

✞ **GLORIA PATRI** [Hymn 581]

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

Afterward, Kindergarten and younger children may leave for Wee One's Worship in ***Room 106.***

✞ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you! *Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.*

God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON "What Have You Been Given?"

✞ HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

The People of God Respond in Faith

✞ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

[…the petitions conclude…] And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray… 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.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Friends, our giving is an act of gratitude for what God has given us. Just as we present our words in liturgy, song, and prayer to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God.

OFFERTORY "What Shall I Render to My God"

✞ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

HYMN 697 "Take My Life" HENDON

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Thanks Be to Thee" George Frideric Handel

USHERS Gordon and Lucy Gay, Fred Gall, Mark Schroeder

Giving from the Heart | Consecration Sunday, Nov. 15

Today, we dedicate our pledges to God with gratitude for the ministry we share. Whether you've pledged for years or are considering it for the first time, thank you for prayerfully considering your giving for the coming year. Pledge cards are available in the pews and at worship entrances, or online at **fpcwinc.org/pledge**. Don't forget to add a heart-shaped leaf to our stewardship tree near the Sanctuary entrance, sharing something you love about FPC!

Congregational Meeting | Today, November 15

Elder nominees: Lacy Morise (one-year term); Woody Bousquet, Barry Carper, Pam Hughes, Gordon Stearns, and Kelly Thompson (three-year terms).

Deacon nominee: Cheryl Gracey (three-year term).

Heaven and Earth | Advent Sunday School Study

Beginning November 22, the adult Sunday School class will explore *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the* Incarnation by William H. Willimon. Together, we'll rediscover the wonder of God coming to dwell among us in Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome, whether you're a regular attendee or joining for the first time! There will be no class November 29, with discussions resuming December 6. You're also encouraged to read along even if you can't attend!

Bright Futures Christmas Giving Tree

Help spread some Christmas cheer to children in our community! Choose a tag from the Bright Futures Tree in the Gathering Hall and return your gift by **Sunday, November 29**. See the tree's flyer for details, or contact Mrs. Amy from music with questions.

Men on a Mission | A Joyful Success!

Highland Food Pantry extends its heartfelt thanks to FPC for hosting the November 7 Men on a Mission dinner! With 30 chefs and nearly 300 attendees, the event raised over $96,000 to help feed our community. Special thanks to everyone who helped with setup, cleanup, cooking, and attending, including Pastor Evan, who participated as an award-winning chef! We're grateful for this partnership and the difference it makes for our neighbors.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner | November 26

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver Thanksgiving meals throughout Winchester, Frederick County, and Clarke County! Delivery shifts begin at 11:30 AM. Learn more, volunteer, or contribute at fpcwinc.org/community-thanksgiving-dinner.

Fifth Sunday Worship | November 29, 11 AM

Join us for one combined worship service in Fellowship Hall instead of our usual two services. We look forward to worshiping together!

With Gratitude to our Facilities Volunteers

Thank you to John Crandell, Don Ganske, Jamie Mereness, Brent Miller, and Dave Reynolds for insulating rooftop pipes; Dave Cress for coordinating the effort; and Dianne Wake for looking after the crew. We also thank Ruth Rau for resetting thermostats throughout the building, and Don and John for their work at the Youth Building. We're grateful for the many people who generously care for our shared spaces!
