

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Liz Lambie in honor of Michael Lambie for his 50th Birthday on September 28 and with praises to God for his healing touch on Michael during his hospitalization.

Children's Church. Hillary & Heath Park will be our Children's Church leader today and Ann Johnston on October 3. Children's Church will begin after the Children's Time.

Wednesday, September 29 at 5:30pm—Partner up for **Pizza on the Patio** at Partners Pizza at 834 Glynn Street South in Fayetteville, in the Summit Point Plaza. They have a large shaded patio. We'll be making reservations, so please **sign up in the lobby TODAY** or send us an email—church@fayettepcusa.org.

We have some exciting **Activities with Neighbors** starting up in October. We've invited the community to these and have some registrants! You can read all about our offerings and register at [fayettepcusa.org/activities](https://www.fayettepcusa.org/activities). Gardening and Fitness with Friends still have openings—the Watercolor class is at full capacity. **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Opportunity from our Mission Committee to Assist Refugees. Memorial Drive PC is facilitating a collection of Household Care Kits for Afghan refugees relocating to Georgia and we have been invited to participate. We are asking for *complete kits*, so you may want to partner with a friend, Circle, Bible Study Class, or Sunday School Class. In the hallway, there is a sample kit and a stack of flyers with an "Items Needed" list. The kits should include one each of these items. Please put the items in a cardboard box and deliver Fayette Presb **no later than October 1st**. If you have any questions, please contact Glenda Hasty, 404-617-3994, or Pepe Westerfield, 770-330-9787.

Have a Prayer Request? Submit it to our prayer chain! Please call Sharon's cell phone or email her to submit prayer requests or to receive emailed prayer concerns. Sharon: 404-402-4094 or sharart.ayers@gmail.com. Current Prayer Concerns:

Doug Ford and family, loss of his father, Dr. Don Ford, former FPC member

Cathy Blankenship, recovering from Covid

Cathy Blankenship's sister, in in-home hospice and sick with Covid

Michael Lambie, continued recovery from Covid

Els Vingerling, undergoing chemotherapy

Linda McNeill, continued recovery

Beth Holliday Nuss, on respirator with Covid Pneumonia

FAYETTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Alex Moses, Senior Pastor
Jacob Winslett, Director of Music
Chris Whitley, Accompanist

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September 26, 2021



*Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked,
"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"*

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. Children ages 4 - 5th grade are invited to Children's Church after Children's Time. Nursery is available for infants - age 3, down Heritage Hall off the main lobby. Assistive hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available from an usher. As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence your electronic devices.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Reading of Psalm 124

Leader: If God had not been on our side, when everyone else seemed against us,

People: We would have been swallowed alive.

Leader: If God had not been on our side, when everything went wrong and seemed to go against us

People: It would have felt like we were caught in a raging flood, about to drown.

Leader: If God had not been on our side, even when we got ourselves into a bad situation,

People: It would have been hard to move on.

Leader: But blessed be our God, who does not go off and leave us.

People: It is God who is our help, the faithful one, who made heaven and earth.

Song

Made to Worship

E. Cash, C. Tomlin, S. Sharp

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:2-12

Children's Time

Anthem

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. M. R. Tucker

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

Affirmation of Faith: from the Study Catechism of the PCUSA

Question: What do you mean when you speak of "the forgiveness of sins"?

Answer: That because of Jesus Christ, God no longer holds my sins against me.

Christ alone is my righteousness and my life; Christ is my only hope.

Grace alone, not my merits, is the basis on which God has forgiven me.

Faith alone, not my works, is the means by which I receive Christ

into my heart, and with him the forgiveness that makes me whole.

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Question: How can you forgive those who have really hurt you?

Answer: I cannot love my enemies, I cannot pray for those who persecute me, I cannot be ready to forgive those who have really hurt me, without the grace that comes from above. I cannot be conformed to the image of God's Son, apart from the power of God's Word and Spirit. Yet I am promised that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Question: What is meant in the Lord's Prayer by, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us"?

Answer: We pray that a new and right spirit will be put within us. We ask for the grace to treat others, especially those who harm us, with the same mercy that we have received from God. We remember that not one day goes by when we do not need to turn humbly to God for our own forgiveness. We know that our reception of this forgiveness can be blocked by our unwillingness to forgive others. We ask that we will not delight in doing evil, nor in avenging any wrong, but that we will survive wrongs without bitterness and overcome evil with good, so that our hearts will be knit together with the mercy and forgiveness of God.

Question: What is meant in the Lord's Prayer by, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"?

Answer: We ask God to protect us from our own worst impulses, and from all that threatens to hurt us. We pray for the ability to resist sin and evil in our own lives, and for the grace to endure difficulty without bitterness when it is unavoidable. We ask for the grace to believe in the love of God that will finally swallow up all the evil and hatred in the world.

Prayers of the People and the 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

Live Into Hope

J. P. Huber

Benediction