

**\*\*Call to Confession**

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give. You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*\*Hymn**

*"Gloria Patri"*

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."*

**\*\*The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another.

**Time with Our Youngest Saints**

**Reflecting Upon our Star Words**

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***THE WORD***

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**Unison Prayer for Understanding**

By the power of your Holy Spirit startle us with your Word, O God, and awaken us to your truth, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**The Reading from the Gospels**

**Mark 12:38-44**

*"As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk*

*around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."*

*He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. 42A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."*

Liturgist: The gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**A Gift of Music**

**Sermon**

***"People Watching"***

**\*\*Hymn 356**

***"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"***

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith  
Apostles Creed**

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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***THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

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**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer  
(debts/debtors)**

***“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.***

**Invitation to the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*\*Hymn**                    ***“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”***

***“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures  
here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost!” Amen.***

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

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***THE SENDING***

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**\*\*Hymn 525**                    ***“Here I Am, Lord!”***

**Congregational Meeting**

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\**please stand as you are able***

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***First Presbyterian Church of  
Lancaster***

***Order of Worship for***

***The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after  
Pentecost***

***November 10, 2024***

*Liturgist: Mr. Eric Comley*

*Interim*

*Organist—Mr. Jim Parrish*

*Ushers—Ms. Donna Powell and Mr. Bobby Powell*

*Pastor—The Reverend Michael Denney*

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***Please silence electronic devices prior to worship.***

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***THE GATHERING***

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

*Psalm*

*146:1-2, 5-10*

*Liturgist: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

**People:        I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises  
to my God all  
my life long.**

*Liturgist: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made  
heaven and*

*earth, the sea, and all that is in them and*

**People:        who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food  
to the hungry.**

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Liturgist: The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People:**        **The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow. The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

**\*\*Prayer of the Day**

**\*\*Hymn 485**

*"To God be the Glory"*