

First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 22, 2023

PASTOR: Rev. Robert K. Bronkema

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER: Dr. Bruce Gerlach

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Jon Knauss

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Beth Feiler

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH: Kristin Kondratowksi

WORSHIP LEADER/READER: 8:30am Bette Davis / 11am Jeff Marsh

WORSHIP: 8:30am and 11:00am

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Welcome

8:30AM Worship

*Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." ~ Psalm 46:10*

PRELUDE *"Meditation on, 'My Comfort by Day, My Song in the Night'"* G. Martin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

MINUTE FOR MISSION Kristin Kondratowski – Director of Youth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

*HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

No. 487

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy Father, in our time of prayer we find ourselves relying upon your promise of protection and wholeness. We live in a world torn apart by war: both physical and words which separate us from you and from each other. Forgive us as we walk away from your protection and seek out our own desires which lead us to violence and not peace. As we pray we trust that you will answer in such a way that the world will realize your power. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE [*Please share Christ's peace with one another.*]

*HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kristin Kondratowski

SECOND GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

ANTHEM

"The Lord's Prayer"
~Seth Gregory, Cello~

JA. H. Malotte
arr. Gerlach

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Welcome!

8:30AM Service

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:11-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:24-27

SERMON

"PRAYER (2), Scripture, Action

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

No. 388

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Pastorale on 'He Leadeth Me'"

G. Young

*DOXOLOGY

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES CREED

*HYMN

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

No. 303

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. D. Hustad

**You are invited to stand if you are able during those places in the worship service marked with an asterisk.*

Sermon Notes

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Welcome!

11:00AM Service

Greeting and Announcements

Minute for Mission Kristin Kondratowski – Director of Youth

*Praise & Worship

*Call Upon the Lord
Spirit of the Living God
Good Good Father*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message Kristin Kondratowski

Scripture Jeremiah 29:11-14
Romans 8:24-27

Sermon PRAYER (2), Scripture, Action Rev. Robert Bronkema

Offering

*Closing Song: *Holy Forever*

*Benediction

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***Next Week • Sunday, October 29, 2023
Reformation Sunday***

1st Scripture: II Kings 22:11-13

2nd Scripture: II Timothy 3:14-17

Sermon Title: *"Prayer, SCRIPTURE (2), Action"*
Rev. Robert Bronkema, Preaching

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 22

8:30am **Worship** (Traditional)

9:30am **Coffee Hour**

10am **Sunday School Class** for all ages

Children's Sunday School (Grades K - 5) - Rm 12

Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12) - Youth Room

Young Adults - Fellowship Hall • Wired Word - Rm 6 • Young at Heart - Rm 3/4

11am **Worship** (Contemporary)

12:15pm Confirmation Class - Rm 3/4

Ignited Students • Middle School: 5 - 6:30pm; High School: 6:30 - 8pm Fellowship Hall

Nursery Time: Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays • 9am - 1pm

Monday, October 23

1pm Deacon Tea - FH

Tuesday, October 24

9am Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4

2pm Food Pantry

7pm Smolder Group

7pm Women's Bible Study - Rm 3/4

Wednesday, October 25

1pm Knifty Knitters - Library

3pm Stitchin' Sisters - Rm 3/4

7pm Session Meeting - Rm 3/4

Thursday, October 26

6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Library - Bring your own coffee/breakfast items

9:30am Creating Landmarks - Rm 5

6pm Bible Study <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzoMo4VUuahmT0CFUtwZzqg/streams>

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, October 27

9am Toddler Gym - FH

2pm Food Pantry

6pm Our Table - FH

Saturday, October 28

9am Deborah Circle - Library

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME



We are glad to see you here! Check out our website: www.straspres.org under the "Happenings" tab for current church events and please be sure to like us on Facebook.

Children's Church is available for kids K-5th grades. Children will go to room 11 after the children's sermon.

~~~~~ *Second Grade Bible Presentation* ~~~~~

Harper Young, presented by Brianna Davis, her mother.

Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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**COFFEE HOUR • Join us today in Fellowship Hall & each Sunday at 9:30 am** for coffee and fellowship with old and new friends. Host for today: IGNITED. Hosts for next week: Barb, Donna & Steve Szczesniak. Volunteers are needed. All volunteers will be reimbursed for their purchases. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please contact Theresa Rineer at 717-682-9954 or email [rineertheresa@yahoo.com](mailto:rineertheresa@yahoo.com). There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you!

**GREAT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER •** Support the preschool, which has paired with Fun Pasta Fundraising and purchase fun pasta! Scan the QR code, take a look at the brochure in Heather Reynold's mailbox, order through a preschooler, or go to the website:



[https://funpastafundraising.com/shop/great-beginnings-preschool\\_1694188521159](https://funpastafundraising.com/shop/great-beginnings-preschool_1694188521159)

**CHURCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION • Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** we will be celebrating the **191<sup>st</sup> birthday of First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg** with a brunch in Fellowship Hall after our first worship service (no Sunday School that day). We will share a delicious brunch prepared and served by our Outreach Committee and celebrate the faithfulness of Almighty God in our midst throughout all the years. A gluten-free/vegetarian option will be available. Nursery care will be provided **after the meal**.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND UPDATE •** Did you know that September marked the one year anniversary of the Community Impact Fund? Over the past year, we have been able to assist **40** families with their rent, utility, and emergency needs through this fund. If you find yourself in need of assistance or would like to contribute to this work, please contact us at 717-400-1837 or [aeltman@straspres.org](mailto:aeltman@straspres.org).

**Please contribute your tithes and offerings using one of the following methods:**

- Scan the QR code to the right and follow the prompts
- Click the DONATE button on the church web site
- Mail your check to FPCS, 101 St. Decatur Street, Strasburg, PA 17579



## *Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events!*

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**WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** • Join us at **9am** or **7pm**. This fall we will be working on a newly released study entitled "*When You Pray*." This 7-week session looks at 6 prayers in the Bible presented by some authors/speakers we know and – for us – some new ones. Both classes will be held in rooms 3-4. All are welcome. For any questions, please contact Lorraine Oliver, Stacy Bronkema, Linda Bredin, or Sandy Wenger.

**PRAYER PARTNER LUNCHEON** • Have you been praying for an IGNITED student in 2023? You and your family are invited to the Prayer Partner Luncheon on **November 5 at 12:15pm** in Fellowship Hall. We will celebrate God's faithfulness through your prayers, IGNITED students and their prayer partners will break bread together for the first time. **RSVP by October 22** to Kristin at 908-581-5050 or [kristin@straspres.org](mailto:kristin@straspres.org)

**TODDLER GYM** • **Fridays** • **9am – 10am (Sept. – May)** • Weekly playtime for ages 1 – kindergarten with their caregivers. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Amy Black at 717-224-3036 or [ablack@straspres.org](mailto:ablack@straspres.org).

**DEACONS' FRIENDSHIP TEA** • **October 23 at 1PM** Everyone is welcome and wanted for the annual Deacon Tea! This year's theme is Chocolate and Friendship (with a side of Prayer, Scripture, and Action). Come for the BINGO, sandwiches, scones, tea, coffee, or chocolate...just COME! Laughter starts at **1pm in Fellowship Hall**. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. ALL are WELCOME!

**TRUNK OR TREAT** • **October 29** • Sign up at the welcome desk and have your car parked and decorated with a suitable theme by 4:30pm. Children should arrive in a costume between 5-6:30pm. Anyone who would like to donate candy and snack items should sign-up at the welcome desk. For more information contact Beth Feiler at [bfeiler@straspres.org](mailto:bfeiler@straspres.org) or 717-572-9683.

**"OUR TABLE" NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY** • **Every Friday Night Beginning at 6PM**  
Got friends? Bring 'em along! Everyone is welcome at Our Table! The meal is followed by an interactive Bible study, worship songs, and prayer. Eat and run or stay for the fun; we're just happy you showed up. *There's always room at Our Table!*

**CHANCEL CHOIR** – Chancel Choir (Traditional Service) Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings at 7pm**. All are welcome to join, grade 9 through age 100. At 101, you may retire!

**CREATING LANDMARKS BIBLE JOURNALING** • Meets every Thursday **at 9:30am** in Room 5. No art experience or talent necessary and supplies will be available. Contact Joan Coste at 717-201-7926 with any questions.

## ASSISTANCE CORNER

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

There are a lot of items still needed for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Plastic reusable bowls, cups, utensils and water bottles. Flip flops, slippers, socks, knit hats, mittens, gloves, baseball caps, bandanas, hair brushes and hair accessories, tooth brushes, chapstick, tissues, picture books, beanie babies and small stuffed animals and toys for ages 2 years through 12 years (examples include Legos, dolls, yo-yo's, balls, jump ropes, hand held games, trucks, puzzles, card games). All items must be small enough to fit in a shoebox. Drop off your items outside of room 5 before November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### CURRENT FOOD PANTRY PRIORITY NEEDS:

Please refer to the Harvest Home insert which lists our most requested items.

Donations of items can be left in the bin outside of the Pantry room across from the church secretary's office. There are also envelopes in the pews marked "Food" if you would like to make a monetary donation. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



**THE NURSERY** is in need of volunteers for the first and second Sunday services. If able to lend a helping hand, please contact Amy Black at [ablack@straspres.org](mailto:ablack@straspres.org) or 717-224-3036. There is a sign-up sheet in the nursery, and there will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Please choose the date(s) that work best for you.

**THE WOMEN'S CIRCLES** are collecting cards and calendars for Lancaster Rehab. New items (especially birthday cards) can be placed in the basket in Fellowship Hall. The project will last until November 15<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your kindness!

**PRAYER REQUESTS** - Please keep the following in your prayers

- Louise Witmer – Under Hospice Care at The Glen at Willow Valley
- Ann Paparo – Hip replacement



*October Deacons of the Month:* Lynda Cornelia and Marcia Andersen

*In Need of the Prayer Chain?* Please contact the church office at 717-687-6030.



# Harvest Home

**Sunday October 29th**

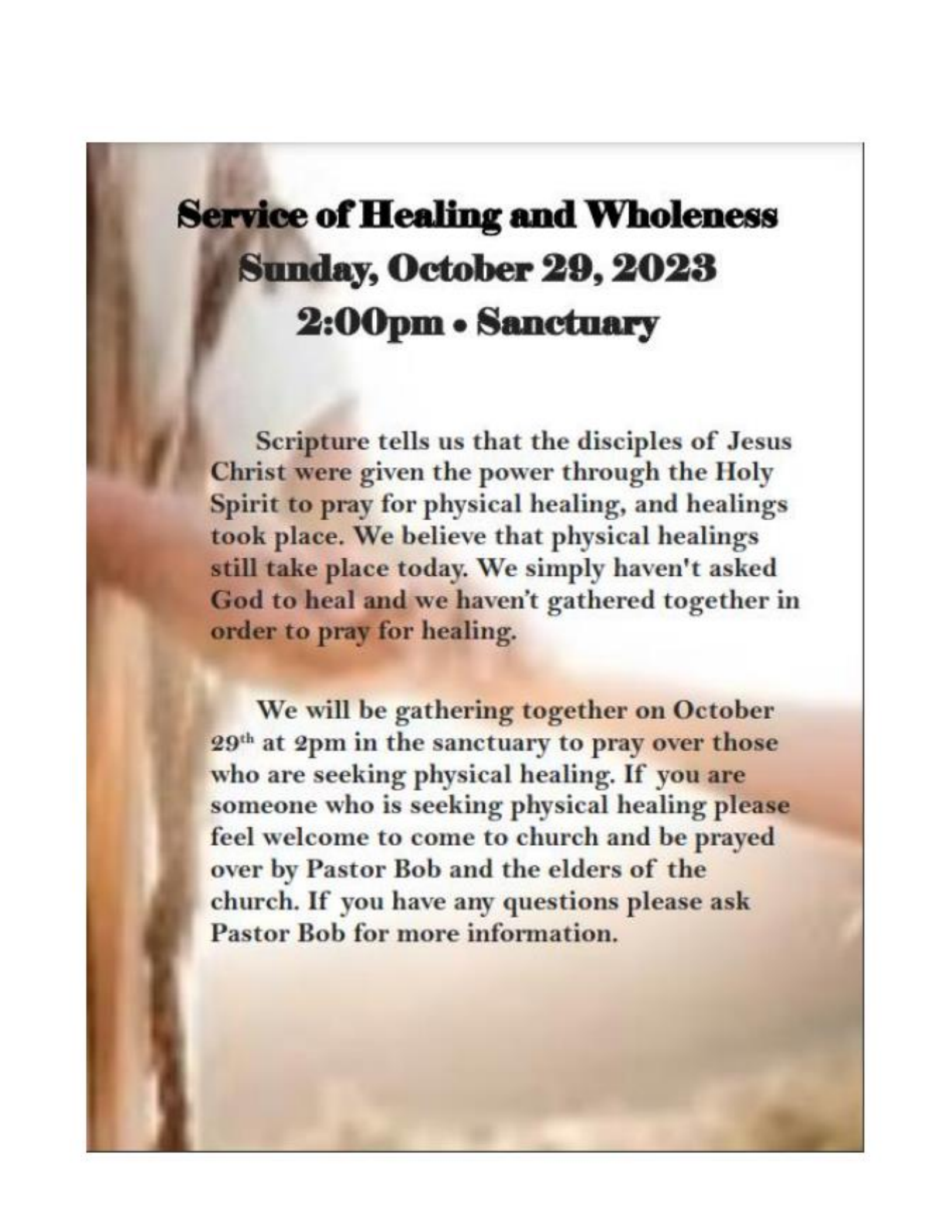
Please bring your donation to church on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> or you can place it in the bin outside of our Food Pantry.



## A list of most needed items

- Peanut butter, Jelly (grape or strawberry)
- Cereal (Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Shredded Wheat, or Chex)
- Pancake mix or syrup
- Canned fruit (peaches, oranges, pineapples, mixed)
- Applesauce
- Potatoes (box instant or canned sliced/diced)
- Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed vegetables)
- Beans (dry or canned ~ chickpeas, or black beans)
- White Rice
- Canned gravy
- Helpers (hamburger or tuna)
- Canned meat (chicken, tuna, or spam)
- Canned soups
- Pasta (dry or canned)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Monetary donations are also accepted.

Thank you for supporting our neighbors, we are **GRATEFUL** for your **GENEROUS** donations. *The FPC Food Pantry Committee*



**Service of Healing and Wholeness**  
**Sunday, October 29, 2023**  
**2:00pm • Sanctuary**

Scripture tells us that the disciples of Jesus Christ were given the power through the Holy Spirit to pray for physical healing, and healings took place. We believe that physical healings still take place today. We simply haven't asked God to heal and we haven't gathered together in order to pray for healing.

We will be gathering together on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the sanctuary to pray over those who are seeking physical healing. If you are someone who is seeking physical healing please feel welcome to come to church and be prayed over by Pastor Bob and the elders of the church. If you have any questions please ask Pastor Bob for more information.