

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 18, 2022  
11:00 am

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Amanda Avery*

PRELUDE

*Dr. Renee Huff*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Creator God, for your infinite grace we praise you.

**P: We praise you!**

L: Loving Christ, for your amazing love we thank you.

**P: We thank you!**

L: Holy Spirit, in your life-giving power we worship  
you.

**P: We worship you! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance"

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**P: We lament our selfishness, our hate and our greed.  
We lament our violence. Our injustice breaks the  
heart of God.**

**God cries out for justice and healing yet we do  
not respond.**

**We cry out for your grace, O God.**

*- Silent Confession -*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*THE GLORIA #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

\*RECONCILIATION WITH ONE ANOTHER

L: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

**THE FIRST READING** Jeremiah 8:18- 9:1

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING** Luke 16:1-13

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "The Realistic and Shrewd Businessman:  
Why Jesus Commended His Actions to  
His Followers" *Rev. Jim Young*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

Call

The Anthem

The Doxology #606 *Old Hundredth*

The Dedication

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *Hymnal pg. 35*

**+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +**

**\*HYMN #37** "All Things Now Living"

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME REV. DR. JAMES R. M. YOUNG Rev. Dr. James R. M. Young (known as "Jim") Honorably Retired in March of 2021, having served for over 41 years as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), serving churches in North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Nevada and Maryland. For the past decade, he has served as Interim Pastor to churches that had experienced severe conflict. A native of Gastonia and Mt. Holly, NC, he graduated from Davidson College with a BA in History (along with music and voice performance), received a Master's in Education from The Presbyterian School of Christian Education (Richmond, VA) and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. He is a Certified Minister of Christian Education, Certified to administer and teach the Myers-Briggs Type Inventory, and certified (Riso-Hudson version) administrator of The Enneagram. In addition to his keen interest and long study of Christian spirituality, he has served as a Management Consultant to a number of churches. A superb public speaker who loves Biblical scholarship, Jim's sermons are noted for bringing the Biblical past to life with accuracy and verve. Jim loves reading, hiking, swimming, cooking, wineries & breweries, going to movies and concerts (classical and country), plays, ballets and getting together with friends. He is also a singer (ex opera singer) and actor; you will likely see him on stage somewhere in the area in the months to come! Jim is single, has 4 grown daughters, no grandchildren (yet!) and lives in Staunton, VA.

CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES will be held at 11:00am beginning today, Sunday, September 18, Evangelism Sunday, and thereafter. Lunch will be served immediately after church in the Fellowship Hall on the 18th. Please come for fellowship and an update on what's happening at First Presbyterian Church!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)**

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** We will have worship on Sunday, September 25, during the Queen City Mischief and Magic Festival. If you choose to come in person, there will be parking on the left side of the street, and there will be signs stating "Reserved for First Presbyterian." You can also park on the grass, if needed. Of course, there is always the option to attend online. We hope to see you there!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 2022** The deadline for submissions for the October 2022 issue of First Impressions is Friday, September 16. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

### **Elders**

Sam Clem, Amanda Avery, Mary Meade, Ron Lowman

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