

Harvest of Righteousness: Week 2

Romans 8:28 offers one of Scripture's greatest promises: God is working in all things for the good of those who love Him.

This does not mean life is always easy or that every circumstance is good. Instead, it reminds us that God is faithful even in difficult seasons. Through Jesus Christ, we know that suffering is never the end of the story.

As a congregation, we continue learning what it means to grow as disciples who trust God's goodness, even when we cannot see the whole picture.



Building relationships and connecting with others is important to us! We want to stay connected with those who virtually stay connected with us and also those who we see on a regular basis! If you could please scan the QR code above and complete the quick form, it would greatly help us as we update our contact information. Even if you believe we may have your information, please complete as we are cross checking what we have in Power Church. We thank you for all of your time, commitment, and support to First West!

We are so excited to share that we are now streaming our 10:45AM service in multiple locations of the church. For those of you with little ones, you can always catch the service LIVE on the television in the nursery located on the first floor. Also, the service is LIVE in the fellowship hall downstairs on the big screen. Also, our youth leaders have access to the service on a television in our Christian Education wing upstairs.

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September 13, 2026

PRELUDE Denise Truax

GATHERING SONG “How Great is Our God” (see insert) Erik Lucas

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Matthew 7:1-2 Aubrey Stillwagon

HYMN “In Christ Alone” see insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Loving God, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. Open our eyes and soften our hearts that we may faithfully serve you as we should. Fill us with the gift of love that we may love others.

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Friends, believe the Good News
RESPONSE: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional) 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional)

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.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

SERMON	“777”	Rev. Jason Elliott
SPECIAL MUSIC	“None”	Erik Lucas

*BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL FLOWERS Flower vases this morning are in loving memory of Lonnie Butera by his sister and brother-in-law Sandy & John Corrigan.

MISSION CANS- This week’s mission donations will go to Emergency Missions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN’S BIBLE STUDY begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall downstairs (GAR).

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN & WOMEN is held weekly from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Café.

WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS for our Steubenville Schools’ Clinics. A box for donations is in the sanctuary for Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Shampoo and Deodorant. Thank you so much!

SMITHFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOMECOMING FESTIVAL will be held at their church, 1154 Main St., Smithfield on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 4–6 pm. Come join the celebration! There will be plenty of food & ice cream along with children’s games, bounce house and backpack blessing.

FIRST WEST FALL FEST Join us Sunday, October 4th at the Granatir Family Farm from 11am to 2pm. Worship begins at 11am and will be followed by lots of food, fun and fellowship. Games & hayrides, too! The Holy Smoker will be joining us with preparing smoked turkey sandwiches & hot dogs. Last year’s Chili Cook-Off winner, Jeff Lynch will be making his famous Vegetable Soup for all. Dessert will be provided. Also, this year we are having a Fruit Pie Baking Contest. Call the office to register. Only 10 people to enter. Each entrant must bring 2 pies. NO service will be held at the church Oct. 4. Please join us at the farm.

NEW MEMBER’S CLASSES will be held in the GAR (fellowship hall) Sundays Oct., 18, Oct. 25 & Nov. 1 at 9:30am. New members will be received on Sun., Nov. 15.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES- *Anniversaries:* Tiffany & Scott Montgomery (9/16). ***Birthdays:*** Kayla Campbell (9/13), David Westfall (9/13), William Bertram (9/14) and Cierra Gillison (9/16).

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