

Today’s Children’s Church Lesson: Harvest of Righteousness - Week 4

As we conclude September’s focus on growing as disciples, Philippians 4:13 reminds us that our strength comes from Christ. Paul wrote these words during a difficult season, yet he discovered that joy and faithfulness do not depend on comfortable circumstances. They come from knowing Jesus. As we continue growing in righteousness, may we remember that God transforms us, sustains us, grows us, and strengthens us for the journey ahead.



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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10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott September 20, 2026

PRELUDE Denise Truax

GATHERING SONG “Holy Spirit” see insert Lydia Battistel, Glory Dami, Erik Lucas

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 4:13 Cora Sellers

HYMN “The Old Rugged Cross” see insert Led by Lydia Battistel

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 21:23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father^[a] went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

SERMON “Stop, Look, and Listen” Rev. Jason Elliott

SPECIAL MUSIC “Jesus Calms the Storm” Celia Battistel

***BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL**

Love God Love Others

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL FLOWERS Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Edwin P. “Doc” & Margaret Coil by Family, and in loving memory of Madelyn Monet Mason by Family and Friends.

MISSION CANS- This week’s mission donations will go to Our Place Senior Activity and Resource Center (50+).

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!

MEAL TRAIN We are organizing a chain of members to share the love with a hot meal to our First West family in a time of need, loss, illness or surgery. We’ll be utilizing mealtrain.com to organize and inform members. Please call the church to sign up. Thank you.

FIRST WEST FALL FEST Sunday, Oct. 4 at Granatir Family Farm 11am to 2pm. Worship is 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 & turkey legs & hot dogs. Please bring a quart of vegetable soup. We will add our vegetable soup together in one pot. Dessert will be provided. Also, this year we are having a Fruit Pie Baking Contest. Call the office to register. Only 10 entries accepted. Each entrant must bring 2 of the same pies. NO service will be held at the church Oct. 4. 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. A light breakfast will be served. Please call the office to sign up. We want to be sure to have plenty of breakfast. New members will be received on Sunday, Nov. 15.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES- Anniversaries: Dawn & Larry Johns (9/29). **Birthdays:** Bryan Mills (9/27), Jessica Nelson (9/27), Cathy Julian (9/30), Gabrielle Peterson (9/30), Kason Stackhouse (9/30) and Corbin Cline (10/1).