

GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From Your
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing, Toward the
3. Trea - sure too You have en - trust - ed, Gain through

rich and end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'
goals of Christ, Your Son: All at peace in health and
powers Your grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and

wis - dom, Cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: Gift - ed by You, we turn
free - dom, Rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
kin - dred, And to spread the gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands, in

to You, Of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful
la - bor, Lest we strive for self - a - lone; Born with
shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call. Heal - ing,

song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra - cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Your throne.
teach - ing and re - claim - ing, Serv - ing You by lov - ing all.

SENDING ANTHEM

“The Blessing of Aaron”
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Walter Rodby

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever.

Grant us peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up our eyes and see God's face and God's grace forever.

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep us forever.

The Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

POSTLUDE

“Processional March”

Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME FRIENDS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along to those around you. Visitors, please include your name, address, zip code, and phone number. When the register returns, note the names of people near you and greet one another after the service.

VISITORS, please accept our invitation to worship with us regularly and be sure to pick up a white visitor welcome bag, located in the back of the sanctuary on the Welcome Desk.

Sound enhancement devices that can accommodate a T-switch on a hearing aid, or can be fitted with a personal earpiece, are available in the sanctuary. Ask any usher for details, or see the sound engineer at the sound desk at the front of the sanctuary.

Emergency Information. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the west wall of the Narthex (back of Sanctuary) and a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building.

Childcare for infants and toddlers through four-years of age is provided from 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the Little Saints and Angels Nursery (on the third floor of the Christian Education building). Access is possible via the curved stairway just beyond the Sanctuary door to the right of the Chancel (front of the Sanctuary).

Music Notes: In celebration of World Communion Sunday, the *Sanctuary Choir* provides music leadership this morning with an Apartheid-era song in Xhosa, a language indigenous to South Africa. The composer, Mxolisi Matyila (1938-1985) wrote the text after being fired from his teaching position due to the discriminatory policies of the Apartheid regime. The song became a popular protest anthem throughout the region. Here is the translation:

Father God Almighty, what have I done wrong?

What have we done in your eyes, God?

What have we done to you my Lord, Father God Almighty?

On this earth we carry a heavy burden.

Let this thing be over:

My heart is guilty.

I vow forever!

Let this thing be over:

Worship Hosts for TODAY: 9:00 AM - Head Worship Host: Pam Paulsen. *Worship Hosts:* Audrae Zoekler, Judy Guenther, Denny Jorgenson, Marilyn Jorgenson, Harry Hoyt. *11:00 AM - Head Worship Host:* Todd Congdon. *Worship Host:* Jolene Keeney.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Jean Bowman; Tom and Brenda Boyd; Robin Ciccotelli; Richard Dillingham (*father of Abby Scales*); Sue Ervin; family of Mary Gruhl; Karen and Wayne Hean; family of Jean Holloway; families and victims of all recent natural disasters; Jay McQuillen; Jeff Paul; Peter and LaWanda Roudebush.

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*), Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Hospital visits by the Pastor to members and friends of the church, are made only with a patient's permission.

Printed Prayer Requests for members and friends also require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin or mentioned during Sunday Prayer. Printed requests are in the bulletin for one month, or you can share with the Pastor or church office if you no longer wish to remain on the prayer list. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to have you, a family member, or a friend directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

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October 1, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Homecoming

Worship at Nine O'Clock in the Morning



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*A place to belong! Where faith is nurtured,
curiosity is encouraged, diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

“Listen! A sower went out to sow”

Mark 4:3

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REV. DR. RICHARD MILLER

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AND 11:00 AM

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

Liturgists and Sermon: Guatemala Mission Team Members

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE "Toccata" Johann Krieger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude. The Bible, which has been placed near the outside door symbolizing its place in the world, is brought to the lectern from which lessons will be read, symbolizing the place of Scripture in Christian Worship.

PRELUDE "Andante" Alexandre Guilmant

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

The Lord says, "Be still and know that I am God."

We will quiet ourselves and listen for His word.

He is exalted among the nations.

We share a common bond with believers around the world.

The Lord Almighty is with us.

He accompanies us as we search for meaning and fulfillment.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

At the 9:00 AM service, children are invited to come forward to the Chancel as the introduction of the hymn begins.



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord_ God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful - ness Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty,
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 9:00 AM

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing "Take O Take Me" one time.



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall



be, set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you ask us to sow our seeds in good soil, but too often we are distracted and they get scattered. We focus on the amount of money we make, the TV shows we like, the ability of our gadgets to make life easy, the fortunes of our sports teams. Forgive us for losing sight of things that are truly important. Help us to sow our seeds in good soil, to make a priority of serving you and loving our neighbors, wherever they might be. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Take O Take Me" one time.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe this good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly



Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er



shall be, world with - out end, A - men, A - men.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 4:1-8 *The New Testament page38*

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

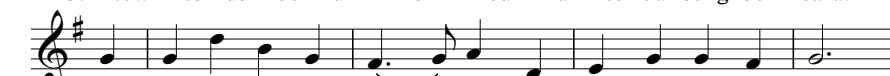
SERMON "Finding Good Soil in Guatemala"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** "We All Are One in Mission" ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN



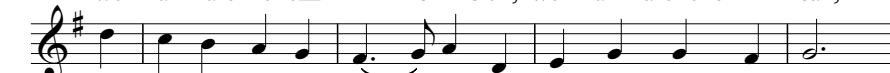
1. We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice To wit - ness in God's name;
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed And let our song be heard.



Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, Our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion Com - pels us from a - bove
To touch the lives of oth - ers By God's sur - pris - ing grace
We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,



To plan and work to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
So ev - ery folk and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

"Bawo Thixo Somandla" Mxolisi Matyila
The Sanctuary Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - Rev. Dr. Richard Miller

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER - Please use either of the versions of The Lord's Prayer that can be found on page 16 in the hymnal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are asked to commune together after everyone has been served.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Barbara Douglass Mary Gruhl Jean Holloway

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