

# GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

**\*HYMN** "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and  
The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lived; how pre - cious did that  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lived!  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my  
Sav - ior has ran - somed me, and like a flood, his mer - cy  
reigns; un end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

10:00 AM "Chimes"

**POSTLUDE** 10:00 AM "Voluntary" Anon. English

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, TIFFANY HORVATH

SERVICES OF WORSHIP AT 8:30 AND 10:00 AM

Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Romans 12:1-8

Psalms 124  
Matthew 16:13-20

# 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 - 11:15 AM 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:** Ted Brown provides a solos arrangement of an old African-American spiritual at this morning's services. Ted is married to Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown and sings in the *Sanctuary Choir* and *Chamber Chorale*.

**Worship Hosts for TODAY:** 8:30 AM - *Head Worship Host:* Mark Meinert. *Worship Hosts:* Cindy Meinert, Deb Beshears, Michele Sinclair, Pam Williams, Bob Terrill. 10:00 AM - *Head Worship Host:* Carol Phoenix. *Worship Host:* Julie Hogenson.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Death:** Mary Gruhl, August 13, 2017

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Jean Bowman; Robin Ciccotelli; family of Mary Gruhl; Mike McDonald (*death of wife Maggie*); Jay McQuillen; Jeff Paul; Lyndsi Patterson (*cousin of Theresa Jacobsmeier*); Peter and LaWanda Roudebush; family of Ron Schneider; Andrea Shelton (*sister of Marianne Marcek*).

**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).

**The Prayer Chain** connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. Those asking for prayer on the Prayer Chain will not be included in the bulletin unless specifically requested. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

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August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at Eight-thirty and Ten O'Clock in the Morning

Food Pantry Sunday



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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Genesis 45:1-15

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Psalms 133

Matthew 15(10-20) 21-28

"So it was not you who sent me here, but God..."  
Genesis 45:8

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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

*Liturgist: Helen Wols: Sermon: Director of Christian Education, Tiffany Horvath*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

**PRELUDE** 10:00 AM “Voluntary” George Frederic Handel

### 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** 10:00 AM “Andante” Jonas Blewitt

## PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God above, this morning we ask that you give us faith to trust in you no matter what challenges we face.

**We ask that you give us courage to place our dreams in your hands,**

We ask that you give us the trust to follow where you lead,

**And we ask that you give us the awareness that your loving presence goes with us wherever we may go.**

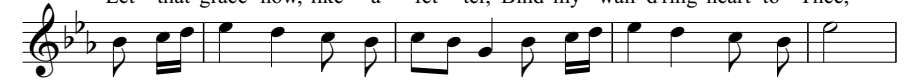
**\*HYMN 356** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON



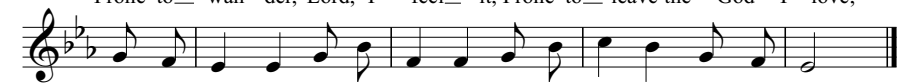
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing. Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb-e - ne - zer, Hi-ther by Thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise.  
And I hope, by Thy good plea-sure, Safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee;



Teach me\_ some me - lo-dious Son - net Sung by\_ flam-ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus\_sought me when a stran-ger, Wan d'ring from the fold of God.  
Prone to\_ wan - der, Lord, I feel\_ it, Prone to\_ leave the God I love;



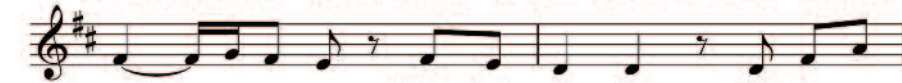
Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang-ing love!  
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter-posed His pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

# CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

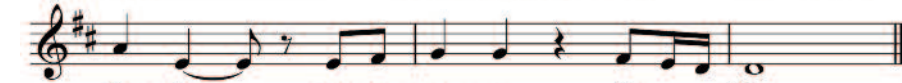
**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing “Sanctuary” one time.



Lord pre-prepare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry, pure and ho-ly, tried and



true With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a



liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for You.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we hunger and thirst for your loving touch and your presence**

**in our lives, yet so often we refuse to recognize you when you appear.**

**We sometimes think that we should be the only ones who receive your**

**blessings, and so often we turn our backs on those in need by**

**pretending that the needs do not exist. Yet you have heard the cries**

**of all who are in need, and you turn to each with your healing love.**

**Forgive our selfishness and stubbornness. Heal us, and turn us again**

**towards path of compassion for all people. Amen.**

*Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “Sanctuary” 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*

**ANTHEM** 10:00 AM “Deep River” Arr. Harry T. Burleigh  
Ted Brown, soloist

## LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 45:1-15 *The Old Testament page 42*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “Forgiveness is Hard”

*\*Continued...*

# RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

**\*HYMN 347** “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” ST. ANNE



1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,
2. How can Your par - don reach and bless The un - for - giv - ing heart
3. In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals The truth we dim - ly knew;
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And bid re - sent - ment cease.



But You a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.  
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
What triv - ial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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...**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** - *(Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.*

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

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

8:30 AM “Deep River” Arr. Harry T. Burleigh  
Ted Brown, soloist

10:00 AM “Variation on KING’S WESTON” Alfred Fedakl

### PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

*Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH, 592 in the hymnal*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Just as you used Joseph’s abilities to fulfill your purposes in Egypt long ago, we pray that you would use us, too. Take our gifts, our time and our resources. Use them—and us—as you will so that we may all help create your kingdom on this earth.**