

GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*HYMN

“God Is Here!”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1. God is here! As we— Your peo - ple Meet to of - fer
 2. Here are sym - bols to— re - mind us of our life - long
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age— of
 praise and prayer. May we find in ful - ler mea - sure What it
 need_ of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit; here the
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to— the gos - pel; help us
 is— in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a - round us,
 cross_ has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty— of preach - ing,
 work_ your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,
 All our var - ied skills and arts Wait_ the com - ing
 here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 all we have_ to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not
 of_ the Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and_ re - new - al, God_ the Spir - it comes to each.
 live_ with - out you, we_ a - dore_ you! We be - lieve!

CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Chimes

POSTLUDE

“Stars and Stripes Forever”

John Philip Sousa

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, TIFFANY HORVATH

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

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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: Marty and Andy Bowles Edwards, long-time members of the *Sanctuary Choir*, provide music at the 8:30 AM service. The *Sanctuary Choir* provides music leadership this morning at the 10:00 AM service. As is tradition, the choir sings Peter Wilhousky's (1902-1978) classic arrangement of the great hymn.

Worship Hosts for TODAY: 8:30 AM - *Head Worship Host:* Terry Ousley. *Worship Hosts:* Frances Keller, Doug Wells, Ami Wells. 10:00 AM - *Head Worship Host:* Jed Steckel. *Worship Host:* Katie Borth.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Lorraine Carlson (*death of husband, William Potter*); Judi Martin, Chris and Annika Martin (*death of mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Helen Elmergreen*); Jay McQuillen; Jeff Paul; Lyndsi Patterson (*cousin of Theresa Jacobsmeier*); Sara Sinclair; Wesley United Methodist Church of Muscatine.

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).

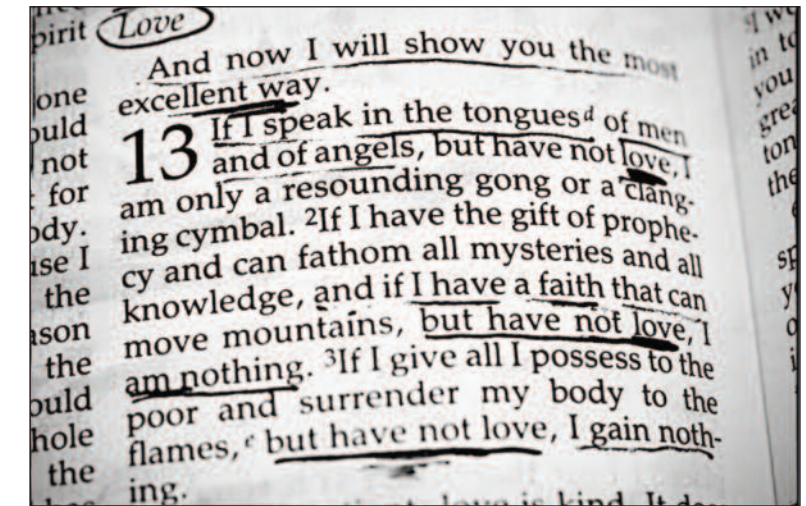
The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. Those asking for prayer on the Prayer Chain will not be included in the bulletin unless specifically requested. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalms 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

“But strive for the greater gifts.
 And I will show you a still more excellent way.”
 1 Corinthians 12:31

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Liturgist: Marty Bowles Edwards ; Sermon: Rev. Dr. Richard Miller

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE “Concert Variation on Stars Spangled Banner” Dudley Buck
Theme, Variation, I, II, III, and V

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 “Concert Variation on Stars Spangled Banner” Dudley Buck
Variation IV “Minore Adagio”

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the listening heart, there is no one like you.

Those who look for signs, you fill us with hope and surprises.

God of steadfast love, there is no one like you.

Those who serve the vulnerable, will always use gifts for others.

God of all people, there is no one like you.

***HYMN** “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” NATIONAL HYMN

1. God of the a - ges, whose al-might-y
 2. Thy love di-vine hath led us in the
 3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti-
 4. Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand lead forth in beau - ty all the star-ry band of shin-ing
 past. In this free land by three our lot is cast. Be thou our
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense. Thy true re
 way. Lead us from night to ne - ver-en-ding day. Fill all our

worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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 of grace, we are promised new life in you through Jesus Christ, yet we continue to focus on old ways which are comfortable and seductive. We are so good at fooling others that we are convinced we can trick you as well. You call us to walk with you, and run paths that appear to be paved with foolishness and fears. Forgive us God, for not trusting in your steadfast love. Give us strength to take up whatever task you give us, and the faith to lose our lives for others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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*

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 *The New Testament page 174*

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “A Still More Excellent Way”

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” DENNIS

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in
 2. Be - fore our Ma - ker's throne We pour our
 3. We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4. When we are called to part, it gives us
 5. From so - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love: The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds. Is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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 “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” Arr. Mark Hayes
Marty and Andy Bowles Edwards, duet

10:00 AM “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” Arr. Peter Wilhousky
The Sanctuary Choir and Guests

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

Loving God, we offer our gifts to you, as well as our lives, so others might find their way and experience your grace, your hope, your joy, and your peace in their lives. Amen.

**Continued...*