

***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**

Together we pray...**Blessed is the one who comes in your name, Lord! With these gifts, we would follow you even as you lead us into the deepest sacrifice. We glory in the drama of your salvation. We give you thanks, because you are good, because your faithful love lasts forever. Amen.**

GO TO SERVE WITH GOD’S BLESSING

***HYMN** Open Your Ears, O Faithful People YISRAEL V’ORAITA
Please see Hymn Insert

SENDING ANTHEM The Lord Bless You and Keep You John Rutter
The Sanctuary Choir

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
Go with Us, Lord TALLIS’ CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev-ery com-ing day, that
in your Spir - it strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 11:00 AM

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REV. MARK GALBRAITH

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

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

WELCOME FRIENDS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org). People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome here, along with their families. 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), a second AED is outside the Parlor kitchen in the Christian Education building, and a third is on the East wall of the hall between the library and Fellowship Hall.

Childcare for anyone who needs it is provided from 8:30 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).

Worship Notes: The Theological Declaration of Barmen was written by German church leaders in the 1930s as a direct response to the rise of Nazism. It is one of the guiding confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which reminds us that God is our only Lord, and Christ is the only head of the church.

Music Notes: The *Sanctuary Choir* provides music leadership this morning with a classic anthem by Jane Marshall, a leading voice in American sacred choral music, who passed away in May.

Next Sunday, September 29, the *Sanctuary Choir* provides music.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Robin Ciccotelli; Mike and JoAnn Galbraith (*parents of Pastor Mark*); Bob McCowan (*husband of Tammy Mayhew*); Dee Dee Mueller; Marsha Pedersen; Karla Rutter (*death of father Ron*); Janet Stensrud; Kris Woodard (*death of father; Dick*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, and all recent natural disasters.

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

Hospital visits by the Pastors are made only with a patient’s permission.

InTouch Information: If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy personal visits from one of First Presbyterian's InTouch members, please contact Bev Koos (563-676-0292), Deacon of Pastoral Care Spiritual Development Committee.

The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

Printed Prayer Requests require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin. Printed requests are in the bulletin for one month. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

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September 22, 2019
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Congregational Meeting
Worship at Ten O’Clock in the Morning



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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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.”

Luke 16:10

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God by Ted & RuthAnn Brown.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Liturgist: Matt Bishop; Sermon: Rev. Mark Galbraith

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE Sicilienne Maurice Duruflé

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Furniture Appeal Traci Cracraft

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 Short Improvisation on “The Doxology” Gerre Hancock

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Every Time I Feel the Spirit PENTECOST

Ev - erytime I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart. I will pray._____

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our salvation, guiding us out of the darkness of the world.

Redeeming God, as trees stretch towards the sun, we seek your healing light.

God is our salvation, when we hunger for direction and meaning.

Sustaining God, as branches bear fruit, your word feeds our souls.

Come now, put down the burdens of your days. God is our salvation.

We rest in the garden of God’s reconciling love.

***HYMN** Be Thou My Vision SLANE
Please see Hymn Insert

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Rev. Mark Galbraith

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

*CALL TO CONFESSION - Sing “O Tender God” one time.

O ten-der God, have mer-cy, for you are for us. O liv-ing Christ, have mer-cy, for you will heal us. O ten-der God, have mer-cy, for you are for us, for you are for_____ us.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Where do you seek joy in your life? We all have people, activities, or things that bring us moments of happiness. Sitting on the floor in a pile of puppies, hearing a baby giggle, a cool breeze on a hot day, mashed potatoes and gravy, or a squeezing hug from a loved one. However, all of these are just moments of joy. Moments are temporary and can lead us to temptation to relive a moment. We can also get caught in the trap of trying to create even greater moments. Temporary joys followed by longer periods of unhappiness. Or what happens when our expectations for happiness are not met or even denied to us or stolen from us? The seeking of the moment becomes an idol. An idol helps us realize that we have been seeking happiness and joy in the wrong direction. God is the true source of unending joy. Let’s confess together, beginning with a moment of silence for reflection and personal confession.

Gracious God, you have blessed us with the entirety of your creation and we have taken it all and tried to place it in a box that we can control rather than manage. When we go against your will we wonder why life does not work out for us. In our brokenness we seek happiness and joy in things and expectations. Then, outside of your hope, we are crushed by the world around us and our own inward thoughts. Holy Father, shine your light into the dark days and nights of our lives. Forgive us for falling from your love and blessings, and for the sake of Jesus, restore in us the joy that only comes through your Spirit living in us and through us. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “O Tender God” one time.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through his unending mercy and grace, our heavenly Father offers his Son Jesus Christ in exchange for our brokenness. Jesus is the light that brings joy in the morning and leads us to eternity by grace through faith. He has destroyed the grip of darkness that crushes the spirit and allows me to announce to you the good news: your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God makes peace with us.

Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

Let us share it.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ushers will pick up the “Joys & Concerns” slips.

***GLORIA PATRI** *Hymn 579*

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Amos 8:4-7 *The Old Testament page 856*
Luke 16:1-13 *The New Testament page 79*

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Street Smarts

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN** Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom MADELEINE
Please see Hymn Insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Selected from the Barmen Declaration*

Jesus Christ is the one Word of God which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords. The Christian Church is the congregation in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, in the expectation of his appearance.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Katie Styr

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.

Christ, From Whom All Blessings Flow Jane Marshall
The Sanctuary Choir

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