First Presbyterian Church

Welcomes you for Worship
August 23, 2015

Rev. David Smith
Minister

Our Vision

By the grace of Jesus Christ,
We will strive to share the
Good News with the world,
To nurture our faith, and to
Go into the world sharing
Christ’s love and mercy.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2015

Assemble in God's Name

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING  
Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship. 
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today

MOMENT FOR MISSION  
Cheryl Arnold

PRELUDE  
“Andante in G”  
W. A. Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP  
The living God has sent the living bread from heaven.  
The living God sent this living bread to fill our hearts with strength!  
We praise the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
We praise the Holy Trinity!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY  
God our strength, you have brought us into your holy place through Christ, who has the words of eternal life. As you made us alive by his flesh and blood, cause us to boldly witness to the gospel, welcome the stranger, and pursue peace, standing through the struggles of our times. Amen.

*Hymn No. 483 (Blue Hymnal)  “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”  MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Watchful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your words. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost. Shine your light in our darkness, and guide us back to our place in you.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
The Living God hears our cry and forgives our sin!  
The Lord God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor on us through Christ.  
The bread from heaven, brings us back to God and feeds us with his strength.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE  
May the abundant peace of the risen Christ, be with you.  
And also with you!

*RESPONSE  
“Gloria Patri”  No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Joe Webb

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 84
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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SPECIAL MUSIC
“Awake My Soul”

M. Mumford

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
John 6:56-58
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED
“Abundance in the Holy One”
Rev. David Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PG. 306 (Blue Hymnal)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
CRUSADERS’ HYMN

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
The congregation will be led in prayer, concluding with our Lord’s Prayer (traditional, page 16 of the hymnal).

THE LORD’S PRAYER (We use “debts” and “debtor.”)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS
Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.

OFFERTORY
“Revelation Song”
J.L. Riddle

*DOXOLOGY
No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
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. Living God, we give you thanks for Christ, the bread from heaven, through whom we offer these gifts. Endow these gifts with your power, that they may express your steadfast love and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need. Amen.
Go In God's Name

*HYMN No. 376 (Blue Hymnal)  “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  HYFROYDOL

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE  “Beautiful Things”  M. Gungor

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*Indicates those who are able, please stand.

WE EXTEND A WARM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOME to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. Please sign the Fellowship Register in your pew and include information that will enable us to be in touch.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR SIP N CHAT. We also invite you to take part in the life of this congregation by participating in any activity that can help you on your spiritual journey. Regular Sunday activities are:

9:00 – Sunday School  10:15—Worship Service  11:30—Sip N Chat in Fellowship Hall

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God in memory of Robert Morey by Betty Hurte and family.

THANK YOU to Hannah Miller, and Joe and Amanda Webb for sharing their musical gifts this morning.

OFFICE HOURS are now 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, with Karen’s lunch normally from noon to 1.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

  WORSHIP LEADER: Judy Peoples  CHILDREN’S SERMON: Joe Webb
  FLOWER DELIVERY: Deacons  SOUND SYSTEM: Matt Wieferich
  SIP N CHAT: Cathy Piekarski  ACOLOYTE: Isaac Warner
  USHERS: Suzan, Megan and Isaac Warner, Nancy and Mike McCartney

WE WELCOME CHERYL ARNOLD FOR OUR MOMENT FOR MISSION. Cheryl Arnold is Associate Pastor for Christ United Methodist. She has been directing the tutoring program at Christ for several years.

COME CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY . . . BY DONATING JELLIES, JAMS AND TOOTHPASTE! In August we will be collecting these items for the food pantry to celebrate our 150th. Remember, dental hygiene is important after those sweet treats! Leave these in the marked bins at the donation station. Our count so far – 17 jellies and jams vs 37 toothpaste. Thanks and keep ‘em coming!

THE 2015 SIGN-UP SHEET for sanctuary flowers is located in the reception area at the bottom of the stairs. We have plenty of open Sundays, so please sign up!

PIONEER PRESCHOOL has their “SUPER SAVINGS CARD” AVAILABLE. There are 64 businesses on the card and it is good until August 31, 2016. They are $10.00 per card. This is one of our best fundraisers and we greatly appreciate your support of our school. Please see Judy Peoples if you would like to purchase one.
JOIN US FOR THIS WEEK’S SOFTBALL GAMES. On Monday, August 24 our team will play Marietta Church of God at 6:30pm and Bethel Baptist/TriCity Baptist at 8:30pm on Field 2 at Buckeye Park. Go team!

OUR NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL IS THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 25. The menu is Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, and Pudding. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs if you are able to help with prep work, serving or cleaning up after. Thanks!

WE NEED HOSTS FOR SIP N CHAT FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. Please consider hosting one Sunday.

HELP NEEDED FOR SIP N CHAT CLEAN UP. While Bob is out there will be a sign-up sheet below the Sip N Chat sign up requesting help running the dishwasher. If no one is available, we will use paper products that Sunday.

150TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER WILL BE SATURDAY AT THE MARIETTA COUNTRY CLUB! A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner at 6 p.m. The dinner will be a buffet. Entrees: bruschetta chicken and stuffed pork loin. Sides: green beans, redskin potatoes, vegetable sauté, and fresh garden salad. Reception will feature vegetables and fruit trays. There will also be a dessert table. Drinks provided are water, tea, and coffee. Cash bar available for soft drinks and other beverages.

150TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP CELEBRATION WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY AT 10:15 A.M. We will have a brass quartet sharing special music and accompanying the hymns and a reception following worship. Invite your friends to join us!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will take place in September on September 13, the second Sunday of the month, to accommodate Pastor David's vacation schedule.

JUNIOR CHURCH WILL BE TAKING A BREAK IN AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER. There will be Junior Church on next Sunday for the 150th Celebration. We will restart on September 20.

THE NEXT MARIETTA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Friday, September 25, from 1:00-6:00PM in our Fellowship Hall. You are eligible to give blood if you are at least 17 years old (16 with written parental consent), you weigh at least 110 pounds, and you are in good health. There is no upper age limit. Each donation can help to save up to three lives! If you are interested in giving blood and you have not yet donated during one of the Marietta Community Blood Drives this year, please contact Peggy Malcomb at 740-373-0468 or kpnjm@aol.com.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MARIETTA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY IS ALIVE AND WELL. We have not had the attendance we used to have for prayer shawl but we do have a few busy knitters and others who crochet! We currently have seven prayer shawls available to give to someone in need and can always use more. If you are interested in joining us to learn to know or crochet and would like to meet again as a group to have a prayers and share as we knit, please contact Ilene Barengo at 740-373-8179 or Judy Peoples at 740-629-1252.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will begin reading and discussing “Seizing the Moments – Making the Most of Life’s Opportunities”. Each chapter includes a key passage of scripture and practical suggestion for better daily living. Books are available, please see Ann Stewart. Class meets weekly at 9am in the resource room on the top floor of the education wing. The room is across the hall from the elevator.

A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR GROUPS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE LATROBE ST. MISSION MEALS is available at the bottom of the Wooster St. stairs. You can sign up to cook only, serve only or to do both. Please put your name along with phone number and email. Susan Barengo will contact you several weeks before your assigned week to answer any questions. A tub will be assembled ahead of your serving time with everything you will need, except the food you will prepare. You may submit receipts for reimbursement.
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP, DONATIONS, AND SUPPORT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD JAM!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
August 23 – August 30

Today
9:00 – Sunday School
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat

Monday

Tuesday
11:30 – Community Meal
6:00 – Worship
7:00 – Mission
7:00 – AA District 15

Wednesday

Thursday
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday
8:00 – Men’s Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Sabbath Sch.
11:00 – SDA Worship
5:30 – 150 Dinner at Country Club

Next Sunday

Scriptures: Song of Solomon 2:8-13
James 1:17-27
Sermon: “The Time of Singing Has Come”

Abundance in the Holy One

Read John 6:56-58. We have the promises of great abundance in Jesus. But Jesus is clear there will be an impact to our lives. Jesus used a troubling, shocking metaphor – we have to eat and drink of him. We have to take who he is into our beings. That will change us in amazing, troubling and disturbing ways.

Jesus has spent a chapter offering the Bread of Heaven, but he has also spent plenty of time knocking down the idols of his listeners. They wanted to make him king just so they could fill their bellies. They pointed to their religious heritage and he discounted it. They challenged his authority to be from heaven, and he challenge their perceptions of God.

Are we ready to have Jesus enter into our lives and knock over our idols?

1) What are the places in your life that, when challenged, make you very emotional? Often emotional reactions, when we are challenged, indicate that we have an idol in our lives.

2) Would you be willing to sit down with Jesus and show him your checkbook? Would you be willing to watch TV with Jesus? Go shopping with him? Would you be willing to do all of that with a person you respect in the church and listen to their ideas about how you can be a more faithful disciple?

3) Spend some time in prayer asking God to show you what you worship. Ask God to show you what idols we may have in our church.
SCHOLARS ON FOURTH

How would you like to be a part of an exciting new ministry spreading God’s kingdom and sharing his love and mercy by tutoring 4th and 5th grade students from Washington Elementary School? Questions? Please, speak to Susan Barengo or Peggy Malcomb.

Ready to help? Fill in the tear off and put it in the offering plate. You will be contacted about the best place for you to help. There are plenty of jobs for different abilities and levels of commitment.

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BEST WAY TO CONTACT ME IS: _______________________

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