

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Welcomes you for Worship  
June 17, 2018**

**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**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

June 17, 2018

10:15 am

**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.*

PRELUDE

"Flourish on "Lobe den Herren"

D. Wagner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Warner

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.

***It is the smallest of seeds on earth.***

It grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs.

***The birds of the air make nests in its shade.***

God's promised reign is coming.

***Thanks be to God!***

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

***God, you are the gardener of all creation. You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness. We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you. May our minds listen to you calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word become flesh. Amen.***

\*HYMN NO. 482 (Blue Hymnal)

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us.***

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news—

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

***Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins.***

***Alleluia. Amen!***

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of 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

Di Krivchenia

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-34  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

NT Pg. 38

SPECIAL MUSIC

“On Eagle’s Wings”  
Meaghan Hahn

Arr. D. Wagner

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-17  
The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Seeing the Good”

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.*

**Give Thanks To God**

\*HYMN NO. 267 (Blue Hymnal)

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ROYAL OAK

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 “debtors.”)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

*Visitors, we invite you to share your contact information on a Welcome Card.*

OFFERTORY

“Meditation on ‘Land of Rest’”

Arr. R. Lau

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to God.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give you thanks and praise. Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world.*

*Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.*

**Go In God's Name**

\*HYMN NO. 536 (Blue Hymnal)

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Celebration on ‘Lasst uns Erfreuen’”

Arr. T. Kendall

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*\*Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to all visitors who are worshipping with us this morning. We would like the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. We invite you to share your information on one of the Welcome Cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God in memory of Bob Evans from the Evans family.

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Jim Warner

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Di Krivchenia

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

SIP N CHAT: The Buzzard Girls

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

USHERS: Linda Rhoads, Rick and Judy Peoples, Bonita Smith

**SPECIAL THANKS TO MEAGHAN HAHN FOR SHARING HER MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!**

**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

**THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING TONIGHT.**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL OPEN AT 10:30AM JUNE 18-21.**

**THERE WILL BE NO SOFTBALL GAMES THIS WEEK.** Join us Monday, June 25 at 6pm and 7pm on Field 2 for some softball fun!

**PASTOR DAVID WILL BE ON VACATION FROM TUESDAY, JUNE 19 THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 25.** If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Tom O'Connor at 740-374-6909.

***THE CHRISTIAN GROWTH SUNDAY SCHOOL, WILL NOT MEET NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 24 OR SUNDAY, JULY 1.*** The class will resume on July 8 and will begin studying Ephesians. Read chapter 1 of Ephesians before that Sunday to prepare. The class is led by Ann Stewart and meets in the Resource Room, which is across from the elevator on the top floor of the Christian Education wing.

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 24, THE YOUTH WILL BE GOING SEE CROWDER IN CONCERT AT POINT PLEASANT, WV.** We will be meeting at 3pm at the church. The concert will be from 6-9pm at the Mason County Fairgrounds. Crowder, Rend Collective, Social Club Misfits and more will be performing! Tickets are \$10 and we have a sign up on the bulletin board. Adult chaperones are also needed!

**THE COMMUNITY MEAL SIGN-UP SHEET** is on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs. The menu is an entrée salad with either chicken or steak, fruit, crackers and cheese, and dessert. Join us on June 26<sup>th</sup> to help prepare, help serve, help clean up, or just come out and eat and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

**CHECK OUT THE NEW CARDS AND ENVELOPES IN THE PEW RACKS!**

- Welcome Cards for visitors to leave their contact information and for regular attenders to update theirs.
- Prayer Request Cards. Use these for updates to the prayer list as well.
- Deacons' Envelopes for donations to the ministry of our Deacons.
- Pew Envelopes for other donations.

Any of these can be deposited in the offering plate. The fellowship pads will no longer be used.

**THE SIP N CHAT CALENDAR FOR 2018 HAS BEEN POSTED. PLEASE SIGN UP!** We have plenty of open dates still left for this summer. Simple snacks are fine.

**A CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE HELD JULY 14 FROM 9AM-3PM.** WANTED: Tools, fishing supplies, small kitchen appliances, children's clothing, toys, books, glassware. Any leftover items will be taken to Latrobe Street Mission or ReStore. **Please bring items to the Junior Church/Bell Room on Sunday morning or Monday through Thursday from 9am to noon.** Proceeds will benefit the Washington County Career Center (purchase of toolkits for various majors) and Caldwell Presbyterian Church (to help with installation of a new handicap access lift). Questions? See Suzan Warner.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RUMMAGE SALE!** We will need help setting up on Friday, July 13 starting at 9am. Volunteers will also be needed during the sale for checkout, floaters, safety and bake sale. There will be three shifts from 9am-noon, noon-3pm and cleanup from 3pm until done. See Suzan Warner if you can help out.

**BAKE SALE AT THE RUMMAGE SALE!!** We will be needing donations of cookies, muffins, pies, brownies and leftover vegetables from your garden! You can drop off your bake sale items on July 13 9am until noon or on Saturday, July 14 between 8-9am.

**\*\*IF THERE IS ANYONE WITH A TRUCK AVAILABLE TO HELP HAUL ITEMS TO THE RUMMAGE SALE BEFORE JULY 14 PLEASE CALL SUZAN WARNER.**



## **Live Simply**

We often say that life is too complicated. We can make choices to change that. The Bible has many commands that can lead us to simpler live. We shouldn't, however, confuse simple with easy. There are many things in life that tempt us away from obedience to God's directions. This summer, we will explore some of those simple commands and what tempts us to disobey them. As we learn to live more simply, we free ourselves to be more faithful to God, we have more time to care for others, and we experience more joy.

### ***This week's focus 'Seeing the Good'***

While this command to 'See the Good' is not explicitly given in Scripture, the intent comes up repeatedly. In today's gospel scripture we are invited to see the kingdom of God as growing from something like a tiny seed. The Corinthians passage reminds us that God was willing to send Christ for the sake of humans – we should look on others with this kind of love and caring.

- 1) We often fail to see good in ourselves. What are the gifts God has given you? What good fruit do you see growing in your life?
- 2) Consider your family and friends. What good work is God making happen in their lives? Tell someone close to you about what you see in his or her life that is a blessing.
- 3) Is there a challenging person in your life? Consider where the good is in his or her life. What are his or her gifts? In what ways does that person bless you? If appropriate, consider telling that person something positive.
- 4) Many of our conversations around community, social, or political issues are filled up with quick judgments and harsh criticisms. The next time you find yourself in this kind of conversation, consider how you might view the people involved, not from a human perspective, but from God's perspective. How might this change the conversation?



**PARENTS, WE HAVE BAGS WITH COLORING AND DRAWING SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN TO USE DURING WORSHIP.** These are in the narthex (the entryway to the sanctuary) on one of the pews. Ushers can help you locate these.

**HAVE INPUT FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS?** *Open Line to Session* cards can be found on the table at the top of the main stairwell. Cards must be signed when providing input.

**VALLEY GEM BREAKFAST AND WORSHIP ON THE RIVER WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.** Save the date!

**THIS SUMMER, WE HAVE WORSHIP RESOURCES FROM ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN’S MINISTRY TO HELP US CONNECT WITH THE SCRIPTURES.**

- 1) Children’s Bulletins with a page for each of the lectionary passages. Ushers will have these to share.
- 2) A coloring page for children or adults for the passage Pastor David is using for the sermons. Pick one up near the entrances, take it home to color, and bring it back next week. We will post those on our mobile bulletin boards so others can be blessed.
- 3) A Children’s Sermon resource with a picture and outline of the message that makes this moment in the worship easier for volunteers.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SIGNED UP TO CARE FOR OUR GROUNDS THIS SUMMER!**

**THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED.** You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. Dates that are available in the next few months are July 8 and August 5.

**A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE.** Did your heart jump for joy as you read that? Then we have a great way to help us minister here at First Pres. We are looking for volunteers to keep the new pew cards and envelopes stocked and arranged in orderly fashion. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor David or Pauline Lee.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
June 17 – June 24**

**Sunday**  
9:00 – Adult SunSch  
10:15 – Worship  
11:30 – Sip N Chat  
**Monday**  
**Tuesday**  
5:00 – Book Club  
6:00 - EVE  
**Wednesday**  
5:30 – Interfaith

**Thursday**  
7:00 – AA  
**Friday**  
**Saturday**  
8:00 – Men’s Fellowship  
9:00 – AA  
10:00 – SDA Church School  
& Worship

**Next Sunday –**  
Justin Warner Preaching  
Scripture:  
1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23  
Mark 4:35-41  
Sermon: “From Among  
the People”

**Do you have a favorite hymn that comes with a story?**

Often our favorite hymns are associated with a particular service or event that stands out in our faith journey. If you have a hymn and a story to share, Pastor David would like to hear from you. As hymns are selected for July and August, these hymns and the stories will be included. If you would prefer to remain anonymous, just the story will be shared. If you would like to share the story verbally with the congregation, that can be arranged also. Drop this tear off in the bulletin with the information or send Pastor David an email at [pastor.fpcmarietta@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor.fpcmarietta@yahoo.com)

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Your Story \_\_\_\_\_

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