

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Welcomes you for Worship  
July 8, 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**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

July 8, 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**

"O Glory, Laud, and Honor"

arr. A. North

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Betsy Akeman

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

***His grace is sufficient for us.***

Let us enter into God's new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength,  
but in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Let us worship God.***

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***God the creator, God of the cross, you show your power in whirling galaxies and unseen forces. You show your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Drive out the evils that threaten to break our spirits and help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

**\*HYMN NO. 281 (Blue Hymnal)**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Holy Three, Holy One, triune God, we confess that we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death. We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are with the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage, we seek to dominate others. O God of David, forgive us. O Son of David, have mercy on us. O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace. Send us out with the good news: nothing can withstand the victory of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.***

**PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear and believe this good news: Jesus, the Christ, son of Mary,  
Son of the Most High God, was broken and poured out for our salvation.

***In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. 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

Judy Peoples

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
Flash Choir

arr. Jane Marshall

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 48  
The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Trust!"

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.***

\*HYMN NO. 361 (Blue Hymnal)

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

**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 "debtors."*)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

"Morning Prayer"

M. Schniske

\*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.

***Gracious, triune God, we thank you for the suffering love of Jesus Christ, and for your presence with us in times of joy and of sorrow, sickness and health, faithfulness and brokenness. We bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and as tools in the ministry of the church. Use them and us to make known the good news of your healing love and renewing power, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

**Go In God's Name**

\*HYMN (Black Binder)

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

arr. J. Hughes

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

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to all visitors who are worshiping 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 by Ilene Barengo.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE ‘FLASH CHOIR’ THIS MORNING!**

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Betsy Akeman

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Judy Peoples

SOUND SYSTEM:

SIP N CHAT: Judy Peoples and Susan Cady

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

USHERS: Charles & Carolyn Barnes, Alan & Kelly Campbell

**CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO GAIL REYNOLDS AND FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HER FATHER, HOWARD THOMAS.**

**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

**ORGAN UPDATE:** Muller Pipe Organ Company has taken 2 of the windchests to their shop in Hartford near Columbus for repairs. The windchest is an airtight box that has small leather valves which let wind into the pipes when the organist presses keys at the console. Muller is expecting to have these reinstalled and fully functional towards the end of the summer.

**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. We still have openings for July 29 and August 8.

**JOIN US FOR CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL!!** Our next games are tomorrow, Monday, July 9 at 6 & 7pm on Field 2.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE HELPING KEEP OUR GREEN SPACE WEEDED AND LOOKING NICE!** If you need to change your schedule month, please contact Marilyn Moody.

**A CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY, 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. The sign-up is on the bulletin board by the Wooster entrance. See Suzan Warner if you have questions.

**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. You can let us know what you are bringing on the sign up on the bulletin board by the Wooster entrance.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**PLEASE, LET US KNOW IF YOU SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR.** Dr Bae Suk, a former member of our congregation has a medallion of appreciation he shares with Korean War Veterans or their next of kin in appreciation for the sacrifices Americans made for his home land. We will arrange a future date for the presentation of those. Call the church (740-371-1800), drop a note in the offering plate, or send an email ([pastor.fpcmarietta@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor.fpcmarietta@yahoo.com)).

**THE CHRISTIAN GROWTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS BEGUN A STUDY OF EPHESIANS.** The class is led by Ann Stewart and meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Resource Room, which is across from the elevator on the top floor of the Christian Education wing.

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

**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)

-----TEAR HERE-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Hymn \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## 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 lives. 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 'Trust!'*

Use these thoughts and questions to help you consider what it means to trust God.

- 1) In Psalm 48, the writer sees God working through the physical city of Jerusalem to provide protection for the nation. What physical experiences and settings help you see God's providence and care?
- 2) God can often teach us trust through our experiences with others. What experiences in life have taught you about trust? What did you learn?
- 3) Relationships can also lead us to be distrustful. Do you have past or current relationships that make it hard for you to trust? Finding healing for those kinds of relationships takes hard work. Allow yourself space and time to find healing. Seek help if needed. Offer assistance and grace to others who are working through this kind of struggle.
- 4) The psalmist depicts multiple kings assailing Jerusalem. Often in life we feel we are under assault from multiple sources. "When it rains, it pours." We all face those kinds of moments and we can help each other. Don't hesitate to cry out to God and to one another in those moments.
- 5) The psalmist found comfort in walking through Jerusalem and considering all the protection that existed. Take the time to "walk" through your own life and consider all the ways God provides protection and care. Make a list. Meditate upon that and give thanks.



**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.

**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 August 5 and September 9.

**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 July 8 - July 15

#### **Sunday**

9:00 – Adult SunSch  
 10:15 – Worship  
 11:30 – Sip N Chat  
 6:00 - Youth Group

#### **Monday**

10:00 – Christian Education  
 6:00 – Building & Admin

#### **Tuesday**

#### **Wednesday**

10:00 – Evangelism &  
 Discipleship

#### **Thursday**

8:00 – Rummage Setup  
 5:30 – Stampin Up  
 7:00 – AA

#### **Friday**

8:00 – Rummage Setup

#### **Saturday**

8:00 – Men's Fellowship  
 9:00 – AA  
 9:00 – Rummage Sale

#### **Next Sunday –**

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14  
 Psalm 24  
 Sermon: "Live Purely"