

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
July 15, 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
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 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

"I Must Tell Jesus"

arr. J. Southbridge

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Erlan Wheeler

Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David
and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

***Let us worship our Savior with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul
and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.***

God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ, destined us to be children of God,
and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***Holy Trinity, yours is the justice that calls power to account. Yours is the love that calls sinners to
repent. Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life. Lead us in the truth about the
Beloved and set us free to rejoice with all our might over the great mystery you have revealed: that
you are bringing all things into harmony through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.***

***HYMN NO. 177 (Blue Hymnal)**

"Lift Up the Gates Eternal"

PROMISED ONE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, you are the God of glory. We confess that we often forget that your holiness is
dangerous. We take our impurities for granted, make excuses for the sins we commit, and expect you
to overlook the harm we cause while still demanding justice from others. We do not deserve your
mercy. Forgive us and return us to a right relationship with you for the sake of your Son, Jesus
Christ. You made us for the purpose of praising you; enliven us with the Holy Spirit so that we can
fulfill our calling.***

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has lavished upon us the riches of his grace and sealed for us by the promised Holy Spirit.
We proclaim the good news, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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 Marla Hoerst

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING NT Pg. 191
Ephesians 1:3-14
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC M. Lister
"Talkin' 'Bout the Love of God
Joyful Hearts

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING OT Pg. 502
Psalm 24
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Rev. David Smith
"Live Purely"

*HYMN NO. 493 (Blue Hymnal) LIEBSTER JESU
"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

The Sacrament of Baptism

PRESENTATION

*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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

RESPONSE NO. 492 (Blue Hymnal) BUNESSAN

***Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of the Spirit, We are God's Children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.***

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME

Olivia Brooklyn Graham has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

***With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.***

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

"Cantilena"

C. Colman

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring an offering taken from the gifts you have given us. Because they come from you, they are holy. As we return them to you with our thanksgiving, bless them with the power of your love so that they may touch the lives of others. In the name of Jesus Christ, the King of glory. Amen.

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 391 (Blue Hymnal)

"Take My Life"

HENDON

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"I Know Whom I Believed"

arr. M. Bober

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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.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY. Being baptized is Olivia Brooklyn Graham, daughter of David and Kelsie Graham. Assisting in the service is Pauline Lee.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by the Lawsons in celebration of Ben's 18th birthday and Jim's birthday—who knows how old!

SPECIAL THANKS TO JOYFUL HEARTS FOR SHARING THE MUSICAL GIFTS THIS MORNING!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Erlan Wheeler

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Marla Hoerst

SOUND SYSTEM: John Scheve

SIP N CHAT: McCartney

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

USHERS: Dick & Nancy Murdock, Virginia Graves, Peggy Malcomb, Bonita Smith

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

CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO GARY AND GLORIA BROWN ON THE DEATH OF GARY'S MOTHER LENORA. She passed away on May 30th.

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 16 at 8pm on Field 2 and 9pm on Field 1.

JULY 24TH IS OUR NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL. The menu is beef vegetable soup, chicken salad or egg salad sandwiches, and dessert. If you are able to help prepare, set up, serve or clean up, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs.

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.

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).

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!

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.



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 'Live Purely'

Calls to live purely abound in scripture. There are many behaviors included such as:

- Honesty
- Ethical business practices
- Staying faithful in family relationships
- Avoiding idolatry

The New Testament is more challenging about purity than the Law or the Prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures. Matthew echoes Psalm 24 in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God." Matthew's focus on purity is so strong, he includes Jesus' saying that if your eye leads you to lust gouge it out. If your hand leads you to sin, cut it off. Matthew includes this strong language so we understand that living purely will require us to change our lives drastically! Further Matthew includes behavior like caring for the poor, visiting the imprisoned, and ministering to the sick as standards for living if you want to see God. Consider the following:

- 1) Where do you live a pure life? It's worth celebrating and considering the good habits that help you. Who taught you these habits? What struggles did you face as you learned to do this?
- 2) What areas of your life do you struggle to live purely? What can you learn from other areas of your life to help you grow? Can you reach out to other Christians to learn from them?
- 3) Matthew's reminds us that purity of living should also benefit those who are suffering. Who is suffering around you? How can you help them?



**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
July 15 - July 22**

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
10:00- Called Session
Meeting
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
11:30 - Youth Trip to
Hocking Hills

Monday

Tuesday

12:00 – Endowments
5:00 – Book Club
6:00 - EVE

Wednesday

Thursday

7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men’s Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship
12:00 – SDA Fellowship

Next Sunday –

Scripture:
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Sermon: “Feed the Hungry”

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

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

Name _____ **Hymn** _____

Your Story _____
