

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
August 12, 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
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

C. McKinley
arr. R. Gerig

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dick Murdock

God, the wonders of your creation amaze us;
The heavens and the earth declare your glory.
Children and infants praise you with their laughter;
We are humbled and transformed by your love for us.
Grant us wisdom as stewards of your world
And give us courage to proclaim that you are Lord alone!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Redeeming God, you satisfy our soul's hunger through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. Filled with your steadfast love, let us live in love, working honestly to share with the needy, feeding others with the bread of kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 327 (Blue Hymnal)

“O Word of God Incarnate”

MUNICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of peace, we have rejected your redemption and forged our own way. We have held fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves. We have sinned against you and done violence to others. Bitterness and wrath, anger and wrangling, slander and malice consume us. Evil runs rampant in our hearts. But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered. Our soul waits in hope for your word to redeem us so that we may begin anew.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, hope in the Lord! God in Christ has forgiven us!
God has redeemed us from all our iniquities.
Christ loves us and gave himself for us!

*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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:1-8
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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SPECIAL MUSIC

“Be Thou My Vision”
Douglas Anderson, soloist

arr. R. Walters

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Be Honest”

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. 101 (Blue Hymnal)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

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

“Introduction and Fantasy I on a Chorale Tune”

N. Dello Joio

*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. Generous, transforming God, thank you for the blessing of honest labor, through which you have provided these gifts for our hands to share with those in need.

We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 184 (Blue Hymnal)

“How Blest Are Those”

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*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fantasy II on a Chorale Tune”

N. Dello Joio

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

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN! If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. We invite you to use one of the Welcome Cards you will find in the pew racks to share your information with us.

CALLING ALL BAKERS - The Sign-Up Sheet is up for the Bake Sale for the Neighborhood Jam's Bake Sale. This year's proceeds will go to the Washington County Homeless Project. Cookies, cakes, muffins, brownies, whatever you can bake, we'll take!!!! Please have all baked goods delivered to the church kitchen by 9 am on Sat., Aug. 25th. Thank you.

PLEASE TAKE THE INSERT ABOUT ALL THE ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AT NEIGHBORHOOD JAM and share it with family and friends. Thanks for helping to spread the word!

THERE ARE NEIGHBORHOOD JAM POSTERS AVAILABLE AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE MAIN STAIRWELL. If you know of a good place to post one, please take one.

NEIGHBORHOOD JAM SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS. Equipment and able-bodies are needed for various tasks. Sign up where you can, and be sure to attend with friends!

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HOMELESS PROJECT is a nonprofit organization that plans to provide a site that connects people in Washington County, OH that are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness to a network of sustainable opportunities. It is the group for which we will be raising funds with this year's Neighborhood Jam Dunk Tank! *If you would like to sit in the dunk tank (you must be 18 years+) to help this cause, see Heather Warner.*

DUNK TANK UPDATE - So far Andi Roberts from Roberts Family Photography, Murray Jones from Jonesbeat Music Studio, Jocelyn Adlesperger from The Betsey Mills Club and Pastor Chad Mugrage from First Baptist Church are all sitting in the dunk tank to raise funds for **The Washington County Homeless Project!** Let us know if you would like to join this fabulous group and sit in the tank to help raise funds, and be sure to head over to the tank at the Jam to cheer them on!!!

CHALK ART 4 CHARITY - Gather your friends, pick your favorite local charity and head over to the Neighborhood Jam on Sat., Aug. 25 at 4pm. This year, individuals and teams will create amazing sidewalk chalk art in the theme of "Nature's Beauty." Adults and children, professional and novice, all are encouraged to participate. The top three winners will have prize money donated to their charity of choice!

FLIP FOR HABITAT IS THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD JAM. This interactive and creative fundraiser is for all the makers out there! Have you ever wanted to flip a second hand find? Well, this is your chance, and all for a great cause. Just pick up a used item, bring it back to life, or re-purpose it, and then bring it to the Jam. We will have a tent set up where we will sell the treasures, with all the profits going to Habitat for Humanity of the MOV. Come dazzle everyone with your creativity!

PIONEER PRESCHOOL IS NOW SELLING THEIR NEW DISCOUNT SAVINGS CARDS FOR 2018-2019. These cards are still \$10 each and are good through August 31st, 2019. All proceeds support Pioneer Preschool. There are 64 businesses on the card this year, many new ones so please ask to see one! If you would like to purchase one, please see Judy Peoples (after August 12th). Thank you for your continued support of our school!

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. Included are a children's bulletin and a coloring page.

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.

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 Sept. 9, Sept. 23 and Sept. 30.

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.

THERE ARE WELCOME CARDS, PRAYER REQUESTS CARDS, AND DONATION ENVELOPES IN THE PEW RACKS.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES IN AUGUST - 12TH, 19TH, 26TH
WE WILL MEET FROM 6-7:30PM ON THESE DATES.

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

AUGUST 12TH - GUEST SPEAKER - 6-7:30PM - During youth group, but open to all

During youth group we will have a guest speaker from Pioneer Presbyterian Church in Belpre. Vadalynn is a student who has experienced some awesome events that the PC(USA) offers and she is going to share with us what it means to be a youth in the Presbyterian Church. Be sure to come out and hear her speak about some truly cool topics.

SEPTEMBER 2ND - YOUTH PRAISE BAND PRACTICE - 4-6PM - Open to any youth group member

We are beginning our youth praise band this fall, and this will be our first practice. If you have a musical gift to share, please come out and we will make a joyful noise together.



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 'Be Honest'

Truthfulness with others, with God, and even with ourselves will make our lives simpler. Mark Twain said, "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." (Pastor's note: he wasn't referring to birthdays and anniversaries!) What are the challenges to being more honest?

- 1) Our Ephesians passage today reminds us clearly that being honest as a Christian is not "Keeping it real!" Our honesty must also be combined with kindness and love. When we speak to others, it should always be for the purpose of building up others.
- 2) Honesty with ourselves can be vital in helping us be honest with others in respectful ways. That works in two directions. We have to learn to recognize our limits, our faults, and even our sins. And we have to learn what gifts we have and how we can use those. We have to learn to see us like God sees us – loved as children of God, saved from our sins by the grace of Jesus, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit who helps us be honest.
- 3) Do you talk to God honestly when you pray? Do you acknowledge where you need God's help? Do you share with God what you want in life? Do you share with God when you are frustrated? Honest prayers are often some of the best and the most powerful.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF

August 12 – August 19

Sunday

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

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

7:00 – AA

Friday

Mulch delivery
for playground

Saturday

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

Next Sunday –

Scripture: Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 5:15-20
Sermon: "Live Wisely"