

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
August 19, 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
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 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

"Reflection on "Beach Spring"

arr. R. Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dottie Erb

The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

Thanks be to God!

The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ to teach us his ways.

Thanks be to God!

The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ to feed us.

Thanks be to God!

The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Living Father, we give you thanks for sending Jesus Christ to give his life as bread for the world. Fill us with your Spirit that we will make the most of the time, understand your will and express your wisdom as your people. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 288 (Blue Hymnal)

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we are your children, but we have turned away from your wisdom. We have walked in our own ways. We have lived carelessly and squandered time. We have been foolish and failed to understand your will. We have been drawn away by the ways of the world. Purge us from evil and fill us with your Spirit. Clear our minds from clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is gracious and merciful!

God shows great and steadfast love to us through Jesus Christ, our bread of life.

By his flesh and blood our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:15-22

OT Pg. 508

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Great Are You Lord”
Isaiah Yeater, soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 194

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Live Wisely”

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. 339 (Blue Hymnal)

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

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

“All the Poor and Powerless”

*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. We give thanks to you, God, for sending your Son Jesus to be living bread for the world. Breathe on these gifts we bring, that through them your life may feed, strengthen, and bless this world, through Christ, our bread of life. Amen.

Go In God's Name

*HYMN (Black Binder)

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Songs are in alphabetical order

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Soon and Very Soon”

arr. J. Schroeder

**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.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Barbara Rankin.

OUR FINAL HYMN TODAY WAS SELECTED BY MARY RACHEL CARR. Here is her story about the hymn:

One of my favorite hymns is, “We Are One in the Spirit”, especially its refrain “They will know we are Christians by our love”. In 1983 when our younger daughter, Jennifer, had open-heart surgery at age 3½ we needed all the support, love, and prayers we could get. There were churches of many denominations that had her on their prayer lists, including one church of unknown affiliation in Virginia who sent their prayers with a stuffed kitten to brighten her day. Our own church members showered her with cards, gifts, and support throughout the ordeal. Jenn’s nurses said they had never seen so many cards for a patient – and 95 % of them were from members of the various churches. Our members also remembered those left at home by sending a cheery balloon to her sister and making sure that Michelle and my Mom had rides to church.

Again in 2007 when I had cancer, back surgery, and double knee replacement in the same year our members and other congregations stepped up. I was on prayer lists from a small Methodist church in Arizona to one of the larger Catholic congregations in Nashville. I received many blessings from various “brands” of Christianity: a prayer shawl, a ride to chemo, a hot meal, and many cards and concerned phone calls offering help and encouragement.

In a world that is becoming more and more polarized and exclusive it is especially important that Christians continue to demonstrate the love that God has for his people by sharing that love with others – showing our Christianity by our love.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Dottie Erb

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Brad Thomas

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

SIP N CHAT: Bonita Smith

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

USHERS: Barb & Jim Wieferrich, Jennylou & Jerry Brock

THANK YOU TO ISAIAH YEATER FOR SHARING HIS 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

THE SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP FOR THE REST OF 2018 AND FIRST SIX WEEKS OF 2019 IS POSTED. We have plenty of open dates. Simple snacks are fine. Next openings are September 9 and October 7.

THE YOUTH WILL BE HELPING PIONEER PRESCHOOL PREPARE THE PLAYGROUND BY SPREADING NEW MULCH TODAY AFTER WORSHIP. Lunch and drinks will be provided. This is led by our youth group, but all are invited to help with this project.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH PARENTS. The Christian Education Commission wants to gauge if there is interest for a Sunday morning conversation group for parents of infants through high school students. The group would gather from 9 to 10 a.m. on Sunday morning for fellowship, questions, and ideas to help with the challenges of parenting. If you are interested, please contact: Dottie Erb (erbd@marietta.edu), Brad Thomas (fpcmstudent@gmail.com), or Pastor David (pastor.fpcmarietta@yahoo.com).

ORGAN UPDATE: We expect the organ renovations to be complete by the end of this month.

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

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

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES AUGUST – 19TH, 26TH
SEPTEMBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, 30TH
WE WILL MEET FROM 6-7:30PM.**

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

TODAY, AUGUST 19TH – Stay after church and help spread the mulch in the playground. Pizza lunch provided.

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

This is for everyone who would like to be a part of our new youth praise band. We are seeking musicians, vocalists, and people to help us run presentation software for our lyrics. If this sounds like you, be there on this afternoon before youth!

SEPTEMBER 15TH - DOWNTOWN SCAVENGER HUNT - 1-5PM - On this Saturday, we are going to gather at the church at 1PM and divide into teams. From here we are going to walk downtown with a list of things to find, our theme will be Public Art, but there will be many other items to find and snap a picture with also. The team that captures the most points will be our winner. We will have snacks and drinks in the youth room upon the return of our teams.

SEPTEMBER 28TH - FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT - 6-8PM - Back for a second year! Our trivia night last Summer drew many families and pitted siblings and parents against one another in a game of friendly competition. It was a lot of fun, and we are excited to see everyone again this year! We will have snacks and drinks as well, and this event is open to the whole family!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE THE RECYCLING TO THE CENTER! We need volunteers who drive a pickup (or similar vehicle) to make the four-block trip to the recycling drop off on the west end of Washington St. Bridge. Please sign up on the sheet on the big bulletin board by Wooster Street entrance to cover one month. First time volunteers, please see Bob Gray, our building super, to learn where all the materials are.

WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! There are so many different ways to serve the church by signing up on the bulletin board. So, take a minute before or after church and see where you want to sign up to help - with the community meal, Neighborhood Jam, recycling, chaperoning the youth, sip and chat, bake sale and etc.

WEEKLY STUDENT NEWSLETTER: FPC Student Ministries is reaching out to our families and congregation by means of a Weekly Newsletter. This email newsletter, features upcoming events, photos from our gatherings, a brief overview of what we are studying, and a letter from our Youth and Children's Director. If you would like to sign up to receive this, there is a sheet on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to keep up to date with our many happenings!

PIONEER PRESCHOOL IS SELLING DISCOUNT SAVINGS CARDS FOR 2018-2019. These cards are \$10 each and are good through August 31st, 2019. There are 64 businesses on the card this year! If you would like to purchase one, please see Judy Peoples. 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.

COME AND CHEER ON OUR CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM AS THEY PLAY TWO MAKEUP GAMES MONDAY, AUGUST 20. They will be on Field 2 at 8pm and Field 1 at 9pm! Join us!!

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FOR KEEPING OUR GREEN SPACE WEEDED AND LOOKING NICE!

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 October 14, November 4 and November 11.

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 5TH NEIGHBORHOOD JAM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 IS REACHING OUT IN NEW WAYS! River City Farmers Market will have affordable healthy food. The Friends of the Museum will feature hands-on children's activities. There is a creative fundraiser for Habitat to Humanity. See the following announcements info.

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.

DRUMS NEEDED: New this year to the Neighborhood Jam will be a drumming circle for all ages. Those attending will be able to play drums and participate in an African Drum Circle with musician Lawrence Greene, who has taught African drumming for over 12. Lawrence will be at the Jam from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. If you have a hand drum you are willing to lend, please see Heather Warner or Pauline Lee.

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!

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!

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 - 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 tank to raise funds for **The Washington County Homeless Project!** See Heather Warner to join this fabulous group and help raise funds.

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!

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
August 19 – August 26**

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
12:00 – Mulch Spreading
6:00 – Youth Group

Monday

Tuesday

4:30 – Scholars Organizing
5:00 – Book Club
6:00 – EVE

Wednesday

Thursday

6:00 – Finance
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men’s Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship
4:00 – Neighborhood Jam

Next Sunday –

Scripture: James 1:17-27
Psalm 84
Sermon: “Find Strength
in God”



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 Wisely’

What is wise living? Our scripture this morning from Ephesians invites us to consider wisdom and time.

- 1) Thoughtful use of time is a focus. How do you spend your days? Are the hours you have focused on what is important? Are people a priority over possessions? Do you spend time listening for God’s voice? Do you structure your life to make worship with the body of Christ a priority?
- 2) There are many voices and temptations that would pull us away from those priorities. Advertising tells us the key to happiness is a purchase. Social media would have us pursue “likes” as a measure of our success. Our culture raises the pursuit of pleasure as the ultimate aim. All of these provide only temporary happiness.
- 3) Take one week of your life and list out how you spent your time. Where did you focus? Who did you spend it with? What can you change? The lament of “I don’t have enough time” for most of us is simply not true. The working single parent who is carrying two jobs to make ends meet can say that. Most of us cannot. We make choices on how we spend our time. If our personal or family schedules are too full to allow us to make wise choices, then we need to adjust our priorities.