

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
August 26, 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
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 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

"Cantilena"

C. Colman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda Rhoads

The living God sent the living bread from heaven.

Praise the Father!

The living God redeems us from our sins.

Praise the Son!

The living God fills our hearts with strength.

Praise the Holy Spirit!

Praise the Triune God!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our strength, you have brought us into your holy place through Christ, who has the words of eternal life. As you made us alive by his flesh and blood, cause us to boldly witness to the gospel, welcome the stranger, and pursue peace, standing through the struggles of our times. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 285 (Blue Hymnal)

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Watchful God, you know our plight. Offended, we have not believed your words. Complaining, we have betrayed your love. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Defenseless against evil within and without, we are lost. Shine your light in our darkness, and guide us back to our place in you.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Living God hears our cry and forgives our sin!

The Lord God is a sun and shield, bestowing favor and honor on us through Christ.

Praise God for the bread from heaven, who brings us back to God and feeds us with his strength!

*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

Ephesians 6:1-10
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 195

SPECIAL MUSIC "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. J. Schrader
Hannah Miller, Soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 84 OT Pg. 543
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED "Find Strength in God" 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. 207 (Blue Hymnal) "How Lovely, Lord" MERLE'S TUNE

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. Schinske

*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. Living God, we give you thanks for Christ, the bread from heaven, through whom we offer these gifts. Endow these gifts with your power, that they may express your steadfast love and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need. Amen.

Go In God's Name

*HYMN (Black Binder) "I Shall Not Be Moved"
Hymns can be found in alphabetical order

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Triumphal March" P. Thurmond

**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 in gratitude for God's grace and gifts among our congregation by Joan & Chuck Hampton.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Linda Rhoads

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Judy Peoples

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

SIP N CHAT: Chuck and Carolyn Barnes

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

USHERS: Barb & Jim Wieferrich, Stacy & Mike Elliott, 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

SPECIAL THANKS TO HANNAH MILLER FOR SHARING HER MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO, HELPED WITH OR ATTENDED THE NEIGHBORHOOD JAM.

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.

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 next Sunday!

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 – 26TH

SEPTEMBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, 30TH

WE WILL MEET FROM 6-7:30PM.

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

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, recycling, chaperoning the youth, sip and chat, 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.

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.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF August 26 – September 2

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
12:00 – Officers Retreat
3:00 – Pasky Party
6:00 – Youth Group

Monday

Tuesday

8:00 – Organ work
11:30 – Community Meal
7:00 – AA District 15
7:00 – Mission

Wednesday

Thursday

9:30 – Preschool Orientation
7:00 – AA

Friday

9:00 – Preschool Orientation

Saturday

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

Next Sunday –

Scripture: Isaiah 35:4-7
Mark 7:24-37
Sermon: "Jesus
on Vacation"



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 'Find Strength in God'

Psalm 84 is written from the perspective of a pilgrim who travels to Jerusalem to worship at the temple.

- 1) Travel in the ancient world was difficult and dangerous. Food and water could be scarce. Thieves might be lurking. Injuries could happen. The pilgrim persisted and was rewarded with the sight of God's house. What are the dangers on your travels as a spiritual pilgrim? How does God sustain you?
- 2) The pilgrim saw the birds nesting in the temple structure as a sign of God's care for all creation. What are the signs all around us of God's care? How do those signs impact us? How can we be signs of God's care to others, giving them a measure of God's strength?
- 3) For the pilgrim, service in God's house was a privilege and a blessing. We sometimes crumble at the responsibilities in life that God has given to us, even the responsibilities we have in serving in the church. What are the joys found in service to God?
- 4) The psalm proclaims that strength is found in God and that God defends us. Where have you found strength in God? How has God protected you? Share that story with one other person this week.