

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
August 5, 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
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 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

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

arr. M. Kelsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brad Thomas

We do not live by bread alone.

We live by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.

Come, let us worship and give thanks.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving Trinity, your justice is the working out of your mercy and peace on earth. Nourish us with the power of the Son and let us grow into his image and likeness. Humble us so that we do not act not arrogantly but with humility, patience, forbearance, and love. Equip us for ministry on behalf of all who cry out to you. Help us to live lives worthy of the calling of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 473 (Blue Hymnal)**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity. We have abused the earth without care for future life. We have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven. God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples. Free us from our selfishness and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The bread of life God sends is the offering of the only begotten Son.

Whoever comes in Jesus Christ shall never be hungry;

whoever believes in him shall never thirst.

We believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ our sins 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

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Dottie Erb

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-16
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 193

ANTHEM

“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”
Flash Choir

arr. A. Lovelace

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:1-12
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Confess”

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 (*Please remain seated*)

“Tis a Gift”

SIMPLE GIFTS

Section 1 – Solo Voice and Section 2 – Choir
Sections 1 and 2 – Congregation
Section 1 – Choir and Section 2 – Solo Voice

(Section 1) ***'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free***
'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

(Section 2) ***When true simplicity is gained,***
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. W. King

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Trinity, your love creates us, your passion saves us, and your power transfigures us. Thank you for giving us a place in your good creation. We present offerings to praise you and to help in the service of the church. Accept them as outward signs of our joyful discipleship in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“Great Thanksgiving,” Page 124, *Lift Up Your Hearts* (White Hymnal)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Communion will be distributed by intinction.

Please come forward by the center aisle. The servers nearest the pulpit have gluten free bread.

Servers with regular bread are also located in the balcony.

Please take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Please return to your seat via the side aisles.

During distribution we invite you to sing, "Change My Heart, O God" (Pg. 61, White Hymnal).

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life.

As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors.

As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry.

As we have been loved, help us to love the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, using the words he taught, "Our Father . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*We use 'debts' and 'debtors.'*)

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 298 (Blue Hymnal) "There's Wideness in God's Mercy"

IN BABILONE

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE "Alleluia!"

Al-le-lu-ia! For the Lord our God, the Al-might-y, has come in-to his king-dom! Let us re-joice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

POSTLUDE

"Victory in Jesus"

arr. M. Bober

**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.

TODAY, WE WILL RECEIVE THE CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING WHICH SUPPORTS THE FOOD PANTRY. Prior to the Children's Sermon, young people will move through the congregation with buckets. Many households set aside loose change at meal times. There are cups you can use to collect for this in the narthex.

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY. ALL FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by John & Vivian Hammat in honor of Christopher Hammat for his service in the United States Air Force.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FLASH CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

THE SECOND HYMN TODAY WAS SELECTED BY HELEN CRAGO. The tune for the hymn is the same as hymn 302 in our blue hymnal. Here is Helen's story that relates to this hymn:

Years ago, Bob Evans sang a Shaker hymn solo in a Sunday service. That hymn was Tis the Gift. The words left a memory for me, and they are still so fitting today. The hymn was written by Joseph Brackett who lived from 1797 to 1882.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Brad Thomas

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Dottie Erb

SOUND SYSTEM:

SIP N CHAT: Marion & Flo Kim

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

USHERS: Jim and Elena Lawson, Gail Reynolds, 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

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 August 19 and 26.

JOIN US FOR CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL!! The team has two makeup games Monday, August 6. The first is at 6 pm on Field 2 and the second is at 7pm on Field 1 both at Buckeye Park. The team is 9 and 1!!

THE YOUTH WILL BE HELPING PIONEER PRESCHOOL PREPARE THE PLAYGROUND BY SPREADING NEW MULCH ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH AFTER WORSHIP. If you would like to help us with this service project, please plan to stay after worship that Sunday and bring a change of clothes. 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: Muller Pipe Organ Company is on track for reinstalling the renovated parts of the organ at the end of August.

THE CORRECTED FINAL TOTAL FOR THE RUMMAGE WAS \$2254.65. Checks have been sent to the Career Center, via the Community Foundation, for the Tool Box program, and to the Caldwell Presbyterian Church for their handicap lift. **Thank you to all donors, workers, bakers, and buyers who made this a great success!**

WE HAVE WORSHIP RESOURCES FROM ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INCLUDING A CHILDREN'S BULLETIN AND A COLORING PAGE.

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!

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

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 and the insert for lots of info.

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. He has taught African drumming classes for over 12 years in Athens, Ohio. Lawrence will be bringing some of his drums, but in order to allow more participants, we would like to borrow any hand drums that you would like to share with us for that afternoon on August 25th. (Lawrence will be here from 6:00 - 6:45 pm) If you have a hand drum you are willing to lend us please see Heather Warner or Pauline Lee.

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.*

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.

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!



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 'Confess'

This is certainly a challenging topic – a discussion about confession leads us to considering sin – our, the sins of society, and sins others have committed that have harmed us. The act of confession is a gift – it addresses guilt and relieves shame. And it can restore relationships. When we confess, we experience God's grace.

- 1) Part of confession may include a willingness to apologize to others and to make amends where possible. Do you find it a challenge to apologize? Are you able to hear apologies with grace? The Lord's Prayer reminds us of the need for this and how hard it is. "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."
- 2) Adults often have actions they regret. Regret, if not resolved, can turn to shame. Shame leads us to hide our past actions. Shame makes us unwilling to deal with current harmful practices. Shame feeds anger and fear. This may require counseling that can lead to healthy confession and forgiveness of self.
- 3) God's grace is deeper and wider than any of us could ever imagine. God wants us to confess our sins so that we can be freed from guilt and shame and fully experience God's love and mercy. The freedom that comes when we understand this makes life amazing.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES IN AUGUST - 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH
WE WILL MEET FROM 6-7:30PM ON THESE DATES.**

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

AUGUST 5TH - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER MEETING - After Worship in the Youth Room

This meeting will give us an opportunity to discuss the upcoming year for our Children's ministry. There are so many ways to be involved and to help, so please if you want to be a part of our awesome kids' life in the church, consider joining us after worship. This will be an overview meeting and will last roughly 15 minutes.

AUGUST 11TH - BACK TO SCHOOL BONFIRE AND SLIP & SLIDE - For families of all school age children and youth - 6-9PM

We are inviting all of our school age families to an evening Bonfire and Slip and Slide at the Thomas house. This is a great way to fellowship and be together before the hectic school year begins. Cristie and I will provide drinks and chips and fruit. So, bring along your favorite snack and pack a towel.

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. Vadalyynn 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.

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.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
August 5 – August 12**

Sunday

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

Monday

6:00 – Building & Admin

Tuesday

10:00 – Christian Ed
12:00 – Endowments

Wednesday

10:00 – Evangelism &
Discipleship

Thursday

5:30 – Stampin Up
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men's Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship
6:00 – Youth Group Bonfire

Next Sunday –

Scripture: Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Sermon: "Be Honest"