

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
September 2, 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
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 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

“Prelude from Suite V in C Major”

H. Purcell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hank Goehring

God is on the side of those who suffer.

God is merciful!

God opens our hearts and gives us Jesus’ love.

God is merciful!

God comforts us when we suffer.

God is merciful!

God helps us comfort others who suffer.

God is merciful!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, you have blessed us. You have made us your people. You have freed us. Help us extend your love to others. Help us share our bread with the poor. Give us words to comfort those who suffer. Open our hearts to show love to all who come to you. We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 477 (Blue Hymnal) “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have not been faithful. We have shown favor to the rich. We have shown disrespect to the poor. We have caused others to suffer. We have not loved our neighbors. We have dismissed those without power. Change us so we can treat others like you treat them. Help us return to you.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of God triumphs over judgment.

God forgives our sin, heals our sickness and delivers us from evil!

*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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

OT Pg. 604

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“‘Laudamus Te’ from Gloria”

A. Vivaldi

Justine Lorentzson and Meaghan Hahn

*Translation: We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-37

NT Pg. 42

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ!

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Jesus on Vacation”

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. 513 (Blue Hymnal)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

“O God, Thou Faithful God”

S. Karg-Elert, arr. R. Gerig

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless these to show your love to all those in need. We pray this in Jesus’ name who heals the sick, speaks for the afflicted and provides for the poor. 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 meditate on the deep grace we find in Christ’s offering of his life for us.

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

Blessed God, you created and rule the universe.

You have satisfied our hearts with this feast.

Keep us faithful in service until you come in glory.

We ask this in Jesus name, using the words he taught, "Our Father . . .

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

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 343 (Blue Hymnal) "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

*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

"Fughetta"

J. Pachelbel

**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. Many households set aside loose change at meal times. There are cups you can use to collect for this in the narthex. Buckets are located near the entrances. You can deposit your offering as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

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 in celebration of Richard and Elfrieda Ratzlaff's 58th wedding anniversary.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Hank Goehring

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SOUND SYSTEM:

SIP N CHAT: Karen Tietjen

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

USHERS: Linda Rhoads, Ila Alden, Tom & Vivian O'Connor, 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 JUSTINE AND MEAGHAN FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

ORGAN UPDATE: The organ company's revised target for completion of the work is now this coming Friday.

RALLY SUNDAY IS IN TWO WEEKS!!! Sunday school for all ages is returning!

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

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

SEPTEMBER 2ND (TODAY) - 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!

WESTMINSTER BELLS PRACTICES EACH WEDNESDAY AT 5:00 P.M. New members, no matter experience level, are welcome!

JOYFUL HEARTS (OUR WOMEN'S GOSPEL GROUP) AND CHANCEL CHOIR BEGIN PRACTICE THIS WEEK. Joyful Hearts practices at 6 pm and Chancel Choir at 7:15 pm on Wednesdays. Interested or have questions? Please speak to Peter Sour, our music director.

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

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).

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL IS WINDING DOWN FOR THE SEASON. Our team is currently 13-3 and our next games will be played on Monday, September 10. Look for times in next week's bulletin.

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!

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.

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 October 7, 21 and 28.

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

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.

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 25.

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
September 2 – September 9**

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
4:00 – Youth Praise Band
6:00 – Youth Group

Monday

Tuesday

10:00 – Christian Education
12:00 – Endowments

Wednesday

10:00 – Evangelism &
Discipleship
5:00 – Westminster Bells
5:00 – Glorify! Combo
5:30 – MOV Interfaith
6:00 – Joyful Hearts
7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

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

Next Sunday –

Scripture: Psalm 15
James 1:17-18
Sermon: "Every Good Gift"