

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
September 16, 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
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 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

“Revelation Song”
Glorify!

J. Riddle

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look at the heavens.

They are shouting the glory of God!

The days and the nights declare God’s wonders.

They are shouting the glory of God!

Their witness reaches the ends of the world.

Let us shout the glory of God!

Pastor David

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, the Bible says you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful! Teach us to use your Word when we speak so we can heal, bring joy, and share love. Give us wisdom as your church to use your Word to build others up. Amen.

*HYMN 466 (Blue Hymnal)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us and we refused to listen. You stretched your hand towards us and we did not take it. We have taken your gifts and used those to hurt others. We have refused to be guided by your wisdom. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your leading. Forgive us when we don’t live out the gospel. Give us the strength to repent. Help us to reflect your words and actions in our lives.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s law revives. God’s decrees give wisdom.

God’s commands give joy. The law of the Lord is perfect,

In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

*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

Constance Warner

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-9
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT Pg. 564

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still You’re there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid.”
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
I will not forget Your love for me, and yet, my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to Your side; and I will love You to the end.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 230

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Abby Miller

PRAISE SONG

“Hallelu, Hallelu”
PresbyPraise

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Blessing and Cursing”

Brad Thomas

*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 391 (Blue Hymnal)

“Take My Life”

HENDON

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

“Faith (Op. 102, No. 6)”
“Confidence (Op. 79, No. 4)”

F. Mendelssohn
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*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. God of wisdom, may this offering be a witness to our world. Guide us to use these gifts for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Go In God's Name

*HYMN 353 (Blue Hymnal)

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”

DAS NEUGEBORNE KINDELEIN

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Hope (Op. 38, No. 4)”

F. Mendelssohn

**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.

BRAD THOMAS, OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR, IS SHARING THE MESSAGE THIS MORNING. There are copies of his first-year report and an update from this summer available near the entrances.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Virginia Graves.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: David Smith

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Abby Miller

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

SIP N CHAT: Christian Education

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

LIVESTREAM: Isaac Warner

USHERS: Ila Alden, Linda Rhoads, Tom & Vivian O'Connor, Bonita Smith

CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO Julie Van Dyk and her family on the death of her mother, Judy Dunn.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF PRESBYPRAISE, GLORIFY AND CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL GIFTS THIS MORNING!

EACH YEAR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESENTS BIBLES TO OUR 3RD GRADERS. This year Eli Lamb and Colton Pottenger will be receiving Bibles. Neither family was able to attend today.

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.

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

VALLEY GEM BREAKFAST AND WORSHIP ON THE RIVER WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. Boarding will begin at 8:30. The boat leaves promptly at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 11:00 a.m. Bring a breakfast item to share and invite some friends to join us for a great morning!

PASTOR DAVID WILL BE LEAVING TODAY FOR SOME CONTINUING EDUCATION TIME AND VACATION WITH FAMILY. The Rev. Tom O'Connor has graciously agreed to provide pastoral coverage for the next two weeks. His cell phone is 740-236-2936 and home number is 740-374-6909.

IT IS VERY EXCITING THAT ALL OF OUR MUSICAL ENSEMBLES ARE STARTING THEIR REHEARSALS; NO AUDITION REQUIRED!! PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR MUSIC MINISTRY.

The rehearsal times are:

PresbyPraise: 9am to 9:15am in the Chapel

Glorify: right after the service in the Chapel

Westminster Bells: Wednesdays from 5 to 6 in the Bell room

Joyful Hearts: Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 7pm in the Chapel

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:15pm in the Chapel

CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL IS WINDING DOWN FOR THE SEASON. Our team is currently 13-3 and our next game will be played on Monday, September 17 at 6pm on Field 2. If we win that game we will keep on playing, if we lose we're done for the season. Join us and cheer on the First Presby team!

PRESBYTERIAN INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER TO SPEAK AT FPC ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2. Manolis Ntmaparakis from NAOMI Workshop for Refugees in Greece, will be speaking at our church on the worldwide refugee crisis and how we can respond. There will be a finger food reception at 6:30 followed by his presentation at 7:00. Mark your calendars for this important event.

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7.

FPC MAGNETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! These are great for holding up all those other assorted papers that wind up on frig doors. Pick one up near the entrances.

PIONEER PRESCHOOL IS SELLING DISCOUNT SAVINGS CARDS FOR 2018-2019. These cards are \$10 each and are good through August 31, 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!

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.

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

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!

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.

**Rally Back to Church for Great Sunday morning Learning Opportunities!
For the Children and Youth at 9:15 a.m.**

Infants and Toddlers (*middle floor of education wing*) We have childcare for our youngest ones in the nursery beginning each week at 9:00 a.m. through the end of worship.

Pre-K and Kindergarten (*second Sunday school room, top floor of education wing*) Our children will be learning about "action words". Growing in Grace and Gratitude is our curriculum and it uses the actions of God and shows how they impacted our Old Testament stories. Our kids will be learning about these people in a new light and will get to see how God directly impacts the lives of our central characters in many Bible stories, as well as in our own lives. The class time will be divided between a lesson time, activities, and many other ways that help bring the Bible to life for our young congregants. Leader: Nancy Murdock.

1st grade through 4th grade Sunday School (*first Sunday school room, top floor of education wing*) We focus on stories from the Bible. We read from the Bible in every class, discuss the story and the lessons that it provides, then we play a game, do activities, or a craft that relates to the story. We start each class with a recap of what we learned in the prior weeks and focus on a few key memory verses throughout the year. Roughly 50% of the classes are on the life of Jesus and his teachings. Leader: Jim Warner

Youth Sunday School (*Youth Room, top floor of education wing*) This year in our Sunday School class we will be following The Bible Project and doing an overview of a different book of the Bible each week. Our lessons will be video and discussion based. Leader: Brad Thomas

For all Adults at 9:00 a.m.

Taking the Bible out of Church (*Golden Circle Room by 4th Street Entrance*) We take a passage each week and use questions provided by Pastor David to find applications in our daily life. Each week we begin with a brief discussion of the impact of the previous' Sunday's passage on our past week. Leader: Pastor David. *This class will resume October 7.*

Christian Growth Sunday School (*Resource Room, top floor of education wing*) The class is currently studying Ephesians. The class will begin an Andy Griffith series near the end of September. Leader: Ann Stewart

For Parents of Children and Youth at 9:15 a.m.

Coffee and Conversation for Parents (*corner of Fellowship Hall*) The group will provide a place for fellowship, conversation, questions, and ideas related to daily challenges of parenting. Topics would be up to the group. There would be no preparation ahead of time, and all parents would be welcome to drop in. Dottie Erb will convene the group, initially.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES SEPTEMBER 16TH, 23RD, 30TH

WE WILL MEET FROM 6-7:30PM.

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

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!

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
September 16 – September 23**

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch
9:00 – Presby Praise
9:15 – Children/Youth
Sunday School
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat
6:00 – Youth Group
6:00 – Christmas Feast
Planning

Monday

Tuesday

5:00 – Book Club

Wednesday

3:20 - Scholars
5:00 – Westminster Bells
5:00 – Glorify! Combo
6:30 – 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

Will Mullins Preaching
Scripture: Psalm 1
Mark 1:21-28
Sermon: “Authority”