

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Welcomes you for Worship  
September 23, 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**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 23, 2018

10:15 am

**Assemble in God's Name**

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

Betsy Akeman

*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

"Fanfare for Bells"

Mary McCleary

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are the people who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

***Happy are those who listen to God.***

Happy are those who do not make fun of others.

***Happy are those who speak God's good words.***

Happy are those who delight in God's law.

***Happy are those who obey God.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***God, give us the strength to walk as obedient and faithful disciples. Help us to treat others with respect no matter who they are. Guide our thoughts and emotions to be like children, completely dependent on you. Help us to welcome others with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.***

\*HYMN 476 (Blue Hymnal)

"O Worship the King"

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We want what we don't need. We envy others in our lives. You urge us to be gentle, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace that we may experience your righteousness and peace.***

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives us our sins and frees us to obey the commands of our savior.

***In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live!***

\*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 1  
The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

OT Pg. 487

ANTHEM

“O My Soul, Bless God the Father”

L. Shackley

Chancel Choir

O my soul, bless God the Father; all within me bless His name;  
bless the Father and forgot not all His mercies to proclaim.

Who forgives all our transgressions, heals the soul and heart and mind;  
who redeems us from destruction with a love so gentle and kind.

Far as east from west is distant, He has put away our sin.

Like the pity of a father has the Lord’s compassion been.

As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end; to their children’s children ever God’s righteousness  
extend. Bless the Father all His creatures, every under his control.

All throughout His vast dominion, bless the Father, O my soul. Bless the Lord!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

NT Pg. 35

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Authority”

The Rev. Dr. Will Mullins

\*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 341 (Blue Hymnal)

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

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.”*)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Jim Barengo

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

arr. by Linda Lamb

\*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. Our great Gardener, we are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season and prosper in you. We are grateful for all that you have provided, and we dedicate our firstfruits to you and to the work of your church, now and forever.*

*Amen.*

## Go In God's Name

\*HYMN 423 (Blue Hymnal)

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Choral Song in C”

S. S. Wesley

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*\*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.

**WE WELCOME THE REV. DR. WILL MULLINS TO THE PULPIT TODAY.** He is Assistant Professor of Religion and University Chaplain at Muskingum University. Major Mullins also serves as a chaplain in the United States Air Force Reserve at the 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in Pittsburgh, PA.

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Karen Snow.

### **THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Betsy Akeman

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

SIP N CHAT: Karen Snow

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak

USHERS: Linda Rhoads, Sally Evans, Ila Alden, Maureen & Gary Dodez

**SPECIAL THANKS TO WESTMINSTER BELLS AND CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING.**

**TODAY IS EVANGELISM SUNDAY** and the Evangelism and Discipleship Commission is recognizing members of the church who have been members for fifty plus years (see insert). These are members who have enriched and strengthened our church family in the past and continue to do so.

**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 NEXT 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 IS ON VACATION TODAY.** The Rev. Tom O'Connor is providing pastoral coverage. His cell phone is 740-236-2936 and home number is 740-374-6909.

**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 24 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!

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR COMMUNITY MEAL.** If you would like to help prepare, serve or clean up, the sign up is on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs. The menu is taco salad, potato or chicken soup, fruit and dessert.

**HARD TO BELIEVE SEPTEMBER IS UPON US!** 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 dates are:

**PresbyPraise:** September 16th from 9 to 9:15 in the Chapel

**Glorify:** September 9th right after the service in the Chapel

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

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

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

**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. If you want to help with hospitality for the reception, you can sign up downstairs on the big bulletin board.

**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 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!

**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.

**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!

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

**THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FOR KEEPING OUR GREEN SPACE WEDED 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.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>  
WE WILL MEET FROM 5-7:00PM.**

**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!

**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.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF**

**September 23 – September 30**

**Sunday**

9:00 – Adult SunSch  
9:00 – Presby Praise  
9:15 – Children/Youth  
Sunday School  
10:15 – Worship  
11:30 – Sip N Chat  
4:00 – Youth Praise Band  
5:00 – Youth Group

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

11:30 – Community Meal  
6:00 – Worship & Music  
7:00 – AA District 15

**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  
6:00 - Finance  
7:00 – AA

**Friday**

6:00 – Family Trivia Night

**Saturday**

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

**Next Sunday**

**Valley Gem**

8:30 - Boarding

Scripture:

Psalm 19:7-14

Sermon: "God Is Faithful"