

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
September 9, 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
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 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 and Fugue"

J. Blow

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Wade Miller

God gives us every perfect gift.

Thanks be to God!

God reaches out to us in love!

Thanks be to God!

Through Jesus, God saves us!

Thanks be to God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you have blessed us forever. We have been born again by your word. Help us live out your love. Help us to do your work, care for the weak, and help those who are hurting. Give us the strength to pursue your will in the world. Help us seek your justice. Through Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 223 (Blue Hymnal)

"O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

STUTTGART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving, God, our hearts lead us to sin. You call us, but we wander away. We forget your Word and cling to bad habits. We ignore your commands. We tell people we love you, but we act in hateful ways. Cleanse our hearts from evil ideas. Remove evil words from our tongues. Help us to worship you in ways that are pure. Teach us to love others as you love us.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness.

Jesus Christ our Lord has made us new by his Word.

God fills our hearts with the love of Jesus! Praise God!

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Satisfied"

arr. T. Fetke

Joyful Hearts with Hannah Miller, soloist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 15

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Cantate Domino canticum novum. Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!
 Cantate Domino canticum novum omnis terra. Sing to the Lord all the earth!
 Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands! Let the hills sing together for joy!
 Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice, for the Lord is greatly to be praised!
 Proclaim God’s salvation! Declare God’s great glory!
 Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise!
 Sing to the Lord all the earth! O sing! Cantate Domino.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-18
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Cristie Thomas

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Every Good Gift”

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. 175 (Blue Hymnal) “The Lord’s My Shepherd, All My Need”

EVAN

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

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

T. Smith

*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, thank you for your gifts of life—fragrant flowers, fruitful vines, singing creatures, and our own lives, renewed in Christ. Let your grace infuse the gifts we offer with life-giving power for those in need. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO STEPHEN AND MARY RACHEL CARR ON THE DEATH OF THEIR SISTER-IN-LAW, CHAROLETTE CARR.

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 10 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!

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!

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

SPECIAL EVENTS!!!

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!

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.

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!

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.

**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 9 – September 16**

Sunday

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

Monday

6:00 – Building & Admin

Tuesday

Wednesday

5:00 – Westminster Bells
5:00 – Glorify! Combo
6:30 – Joyful Hearts
7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
5:30 – Stampin Up
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men's Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship
12:00 – SDA Fellowship
1:00 – Youth Scavenger
Hunt

Next Sunday – Rally Sunday

Scripture: Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Sermon: "Blessing and
Cursing"