

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Welcomes you for Worship  
October 7, 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**  
**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 7, 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

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

R. Proulx

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Walt Stewart

Long ago, God spoke through the prophets  
***Now he has spoken through his Son Jesus Christ.***  
Jesus is the reflection of God's glory.  
***God sustains the world by his powerful Word.***  
God decided it was right to give his son for our salvation.  
***In thanksgiving, let us proclaim God's name.***

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

***God, we do not understand why bad things happen to good people. Often, we want to cry out, "Why?" We are tempted to despair. Give us your wisdom. Help us to see the incredible gift of life you have given us through Jesus Christ. We pray this in his name, knowing that he suffered, died, and was raised for us. Amen.***

\*HYMN NO. 306 (Blue Hymnal)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of love, you gave us commandments because you know the hardness of our hearts. You have created us to live together, but we still we oppress others and make barriers. Jesus loved the children, but there are still children in the world who hunger or fear. Forgive us and call us to faithfulness. Bind us together as sisters and brothers. Nurture us with your love and forgiveness, so we can share what we have been given.***

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, Let the children come to me, do not stop them.  
The kingdom belongs to those who are like children.  
We hold to the promise that Jesus will see our repentant hearts and embrace us in glory.  
***In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We are children of God! We can live in peace!***

\*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

Mark 9:38-40  
The Gospel of the Lord  
***Praise to you, Lord Christ!***

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Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
 wine of the soul in mercy shed by whom the words of life were spoken,  
 and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
 look on the tears by sinners shed;  
 and be your feast to use the token that by your grace our souls are fed!  
 Sit at this place, dear Lord and Father, fill up the cup and break the bread;  
 O let us feel your loving power, O let us hear the words you said:  
 “This is my blood and body broken, refresh your spirit, make it whole;  
 remember me with food, the token: bread of the world, wine of the soul.”  
 Bread of the world, wine of the soul, bread of the world.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:19-27  
 The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

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THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Follow Jesus”

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 (Black Binder)

“I Surrender All”

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

OFFERTORY

“Le banquet céleste”

O. Messiaen

*This meditation music is based on John 6:56 and reflects the mystical union of Christ and the believer – the eternal made present in time through the Eucharist.*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Blessed are you, our Comfort. You have given Jesus, your only son, who was made lower than the angels, for our sake. With thanksgiving, we give of what you have provided, that your will may be done in this world. Give us the wisdom and courage to do so. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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 join in, "Sing, Alleluia"*

*Verse 1*

***Sing, alleluia to the Lord! Sing alleluia to the Lord!  
Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia to the Lord!***

*Verse 2*

***His resurrection sets us free. His resurrection sets us free.  
Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia to the Lord!***

*Verse 3*

***Therefore we celebrate the feast. Therefore we celebrate the feast.  
Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia to the Lord!***

*Verse 4*

***The Spirit came to bring us life. The Spirit came to bring us life.  
Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia to the Lord!***

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 the blessings we receive at this table. We thank you that Jesus has welcomed us like children. Help us to take that welcome with us into the world to share with those who need your love and care. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus, and we use the words he taught, "Our Father . . ."***

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

**Go In God's Name**

\*HYMN NO. 514 (Blue Hymnal) "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD

\*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

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

G. Martin

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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.

**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 by Tom and Betty Hurte in memory of loved ones.

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Walt Stewart

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

SIP N CHAT: Susan Cady

LIVESTREAM: Isaac Warner

USHERS: Harriet Stewart, Sally Norton, Gib & Marilyn Moody, Bonita Smith

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

SOUND SYSTEM:

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

**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 CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING.**

**THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7.** Please use the special envelopes provided in the bulletin to make your donation. One fourth of this offering will be given to EVE, Inc. to assist in their efforts to prevent domestic violence. The remainder is used by our denomination in this country and around the world to promote peace and justice.

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR KAREN IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.** Her new email address is [firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com).

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP HOSTED BY OUR CHURCH SHEPHERDS.** The theme is “Harvest Blessing” and the menu will be ham, potato casserole, green beans and apple & pumpkin pie.

**TEAL PUMPKIN PROJECT AT FPC THIS HALLOWEEN** – Many traditional Halloween treats aren't safe for children with life-threatening food allergies. The Teal Pumpkin Project promotes safety, inclusion and respect of individuals managing food allergies. If you would like to help with this effort, we need donations of non-food items such as pencils, mini notepads, small boxes of crayons, small toys, etc. Learn more at [tealpumpkinproject.org](http://tealpumpkinproject.org).

**SAVE THE DATE – POTTERY NIGHT – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6-9PM.** The Pottery Place from Vienna will be at our next Fun Night and we hope you will too! We will have a selection of unfired pottery available to paint in FPC's Fellowship Hall. You will have to sign-up for this Fun Night as you will have to pick the pottery piece(s) that you want ahead of time. The evening will be one of fun, fellowship, food and creativity!

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR MUSIC MINISTRY. THE REHEARSAL DATES ARE:**

**PresbyPraise:** Sundays from 9 to 9:15 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 6:30 to 7 in the Chapel

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

**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](mailto:erbd@marietta.edu)), Brad Thomas ([fpcmstudent@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmstudent@gmail.com)), or Pastor David ([pastor.fpcmarietta@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor.fpcmarietta@yahoo.com)).

**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 November 11, 18 and 25.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES OCTOBER 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**WE WILL MEET FROM 5-7:00PM.**

**SPECIAL EVENTS!!!**

**OCTOBER 19 – PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST – 6-8PM**

This is an all family event. There will be prizes for the top 3 pumpkins. You can compete as individuals or teams.

**OCTOBER 27 – KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY AND TRICK OR TREAT – 5:30PM**

This event is for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and below. There will be games and snacks. We will need youth and adult volunteers.

**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!

**CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL IS DONE FOR THE SEASON.** Our team finished with an outstanding record of 13-3 which gave us a second-place finish! Thank you to all who played with us or cheered us on from the stands! See you again next year!!

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

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE FIFTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY FEAST.** This growing event has Teams for Deliveries, Publicity, Janitor/Clean-up, Kitchen and cooking, Hospitality and Serving, Desserts and more. Donations of money are put to good use, and we'll need a variety of home cooked dishes from casseroles to cakes, and smaller items such as milk and juices and fresh fruits and Christmas Cards. For information please call Bruce Haas, Project Manager, at 740-629-1277. You are welcome to attend the next organizational meeting on Sunday, October 14, at 6:00 PM, here at FPC. Please prayerfully consider how you may contribute to this local ministry.

**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!**

**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.

**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.

**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 November 4 and 25.

**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  
October 7 – October 14**

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

6:15 - Personnel

**Tuesday**

5:30 – Stampin Up  
7:00 – Session

**Wednesday**

3:20 – Scholars on Fourth  
5:00 – Westminster Bells  
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 –**

*Organ Rededication*  
Scripture: Psalm 51:10-12  
Mark 4:37-41  
Sermon: "Live Simply  
with Jesus"