

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Welcomes you for Worship  
November 18, 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**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

November 18, 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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”  
Westminster Bells

arr. Mary Lou Fast

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Erlan Wheeler

Let our hearts rejoice in the Lord;  
***Our strength is made greater in God.***  
Let praise be always in our mouths.  
***God has given us the victory.***  
There is no Rock like our God.  
***Praise the Lord!***



PRAYER OF THE DAY

***Merciful God, you hear our cries and honor our tears. Stir in us a passion during worship so we will give you our best, for the glory of your name. Amen.***



\*HYMN NO. 555 (Blue Hymnal)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION



***O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path.***

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves.  
***Let us be reconciled to one another, holding fast to our hope in Christ.***



\*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

1 Samuel 2:1-10  
The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

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ANTHEM

“We Thank You, Lord”  
Chancel Choir

S. Peterson/J. Sibelius

We thank You, Lord, and worship You with gladness; We praise Your name and lift our hearts in song, For  
You are good, Your love endures forever, Your faithfulness continues all day long,  
You’ve lavished us with every spiritual blessing. We thank You, Lord, and praise You now in song.  
We thank You, Lord, for everyday provisions, for daily food, for clothes and shelter too;  
for health and strength and grace for every trial, for this free land where we can worship You.  
You crown each day with Your abundant goodness. We thank You, Lord and lift our praise to You.

***Congregation and Choir:***

*We thank You, Lord for giving us salvation. You sent Your Son that we might be forgiven.  
Far as the east from west, our sins are vanquished; now justified, we’re citizens of heaven.  
You’ve sealed us with Your promised Holy Spirit; we thank You, Lord, for love so freely given.*

***Choir:***  
Amen



SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:1-8  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
***Praise to you, Lord Christ!***

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THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas



THE WORD PROCLAIMED “Thanksgiving for God’s New Order”

The 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, alphabetical) “For the Fruit of All Creation”

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.



THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Traditional, page 16 of the hymnal. We use “debts” and “debtors.”*)



OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS (*Visitors, we invite you to share your contact info on a Welcome Card.*)



OFFERTORY

“I Will Lift Mine Eyes unto The Hills”  
Westminster Bells with Organ

by Cathy Moglebust



\*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. Dear God, we offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, now and forever. Amen.*

Go In God's Name



\*HYMN NO. 554 (Blue Hymnal)

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

S. Karg-Elert

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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.

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God by the Lawsons in celebration of Elena’s birthday and they want to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all families gathering this week.

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Erlan Wheeler

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Brad Thomas

JUNIOR CHURCH: Jim Warner & Becky Schmehl

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

SIP N CHAT: Sally Norton

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

LIVESTREAM: Randy Urbaniak

USHERS: Cathy Piekarski, Sally Evans, Bonita Smith

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

**THERE ARE NO MUSIC ENSEMBLE REHEARSALS THIS WEEK.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR WILL REHEARSE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH AT 9:45AM IN THE SANCTUARY.**

**WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR MIRACLE ON FOURTH.** This annual youth and children’s event involves our young people in outreach to the community and support of those in need. See the insert for details of their work this year and please use the provided envelopes for contributions. Miracle on Fourth will take place on Sunday, December 2 following the Hanging of the Greens.

**OUR COMMUNITY MEAL IS COMING UP ON THE TUESDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING.** The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you are able to help out. The menu is taco soup, sloppy joes, peaches and dessert.

**REDUCING EXPENSES & OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT!** We are printing fewer bulletins and inviting those worshipping to share.

**WE HAVE ADDED VISUAL ICONS TO OUR BULLETIN.** These will help our youngest members who are pre-readers or learning to read to better understand the service.

**THERE’S AN UNCLAIMED BLUE COLEMAN COOLER** in the conference room off of fellowship hall. It was used at the neighborhood Jam and is ready to go back home with its owner.

**THE ALTERNATIVE GIVING CATALOG WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!** Look for the table to fill out your gift order on Sundays, December 2 and 9. For 8 Weeks of Giving this year, we will be featuring different ministries each week. This week Gospel Mission Food Pantry is being highlighted.

**THE GOSPEL MISSION FOOD PANTRY** helps those in need in physically and spiritually in our community. Their mission statement: “We believe that the door to salvation is always open and so are the doors to our Pantry. Our mission is to be fully devoted to Jesus by opening our arms to those in search of the truth. We show God’s love and concern for our fellow man at every opportunity. Through works of charity and opening our doors to listen and love, we feel that we are walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.” Gospel Mission Food Pantry is located at 309 Lancaster Street and runs solely on donations of food and clothing.

**THE LIVE SIMPLY STEWARDSHIP PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED.** Please prayerfully consider making a commitment for 2019 to support the budget. You can also make a commitment to our youth ministry. Commitment cards may be placed in the offering plate. There are extra packets and commitment cards near the entrances.

**STOP BY THE TABLE OUTSIDE OF FELLOWSHIP HALL TO SIGN CARDS FOR THE COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 19 FROM 1PM - 6PM.** We are hosting the Marietta Community Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter **Marietta** to schedule an appointment, or contact Linda O’Brien at [ismanning@hotmail.com](mailto:ismanning@hotmail.com) or 740-350-4228 (text or call).

**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).

**MISSION COMMISSION IS LOOKING FOR A COORDINATOR FOR THE COMMUNITY MEAL.** Responsibilities include overseeing the meal planning, grocery shopping and working with Harvest of Hope on food deliveries. See Jim Barengo if you are interested or for more information.

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

**THE 2019 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. The final date available for 2018 is December 30.

**THE SIP N CHAT HOSTING SIGN UP FOR THE REST OF 2018 AND FIRST SIX WEEKS OF 2019 IS POSTED.** Simple snacks are fine. Final openings of 2018 are December 9 and 23.

**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.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS DAY FEAST** for Deliveries, Publicity, Janitor/Clean-up, Kitchen/Cooking, Hospitality/Serving, Desserts. Donations of money, milk, juice, fresh fruits, Christmas cards and home cooked dishes are welcome. Please call Bruce Haas (740-629-1277).

**SIGNUP FOR THE EMAIL VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER! CONSIDER THE BENEFITS:** It’s in beautiful color, saves the church money and lowers our carbon foot print. Please use the tear off below or contact Karen ([firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com) or 740-373-1800).

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**YES, I want the email version of the Presby Packet...in color!** (please place in offering plate)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING DATES:**  
**NOVEMBER 18, DECEMBER 9, 30 - 1-3PM FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**  
**DECEMBER 9, 23, 7-8:30PM FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE**

**SPECIAL EVENTS!!!**

**DECEMBER 2ND – MIRACLE ON FOURTH FROM 12-5PM** This year we are making No Sew Fleece Throw blankets to be donated to and distributed by the Gospel Mission Food Pantry. We will first help with the Hanging of the Greens and then get to work on our blanket project. We will have snacks, activities, and a whole lot of fun. Bring a friend!

**DECEMBER 15TH - YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY - 6-8PM** - On this Saturday, we will be hosting an awesome Christmas Party in the youth room at FPC. We will be doing a White Elephant gift exchange, holiday themed games, and of course, delicious Christmas snacks. All gifts should be less than \$10, and ridiculous gag gifts are wildly encouraged.

**NEW YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE AND OFFERINGS IN NOVEMBER**

**Youth Group for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade** – Sundays 1 to 3 pm  
Fellowship, music, lessons and group games

**High School & College Group** – Normally biweekly, Sundays 7:00 to 8:30 pm at FPC  
Off weeks we will look at some off-campus locations

*Signups for volunteers are located on the bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance*

**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.

**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.

**ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 18-25**

**Sunday**

9:00 – Adult SunSch  
9:00 – Presby Praise  
9:15 – Children/ Youth  
Sunday School  
10:15 – Worship  
11:30 – Sip N Chat  
11:45 – Glorify!  
1:00 – Youth Group (Middle  
& High School)  
3:00 - Confirmation

**Monday**

1:00 – Blood Drive

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday – Office Closed**

**Thursday – Happy  
Thanksgiving –  
Office Closed**  
7:00 – AA

**Friday – Office Closed**

**Saturday**

8:00 – Men’s Fellowship  
9:00 – AA  
9:30 – Donnelly Family  
Luncheon  
10:00 – SDA Church  
School & Worship

**Next Sunday – Reign of Christ**

Scriptures  
Daniel 10:7-9, 13-14  
John 18:33-27  
Sermon: “Where Is His  
Kingdom From?”