



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2017
FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Eric Koenig-Reinke (8:00)
Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Stadium Food Rescue

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Micah 6:6-8)

One: What shall we bring into the presence of our God?

All: Shall we bring all that we own?

Would God be satisfied if we brought everything we possess?

One: No, that's not what God is looking for. God has told you what is good, and what is expected of you:

All: To do justice. To love mercy. To walk humbly before God.

* HYMN 414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blair Buckley (9:30)
Rev. Parks-Piatt (11:00)

Merciful God, your mercy is underserved and your grace unfathomable. We do not always walk with you, let alone walk humbly with you. In a world that teaches power and selfishness, we do not always perceive what is just, let alone strive to bring it about. In a time when cruelty seems to be a spectator sport, we are not always the face of compassion or the voice of kindness. Forgive us when we stray. Thank you for the gift of mercy, that even as you forgive us, we can forgive ourselves and others.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please share the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lorna Prescott (8:00)
Hadley Feyen (9:30)
Essie Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:9-21

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

Blessing of the Backpacks

One: When it's the night before going to school, and we're picking out our clothes and making sure we have all our school supplies,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we're waking up and eating breakfast to start the day,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we meet our teachers and new friends in our classes,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we're playing with our friends at recess,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we're telling our families about our day at school,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we're praying at night and thanking God for our families, our friends and our schools,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: Let's pray together:

All: Bless, O God, our cherished children. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their faith and their gifts. Amen.

BLESSING FOR YOUTH (9:30)

Essie Koenig-Reinke
Rev. McGowan

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Rogers

Responding

* HYMN 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN

WELCOME

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Offertory (9:30)

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has shown you, O mortal; God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available at the front center serving station. Those unable to come forward will be served in their places.

Communion Music (8:00/11:00)

During the distribution, please join the soloist when indicated:

... Come to the table of ... This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Feed Us, Lord (9:30)

Greg Scheer

Please sing with the choir:

**Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nourished here by Christ,
given strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.**

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* HYMN 386

O for a World

AZMON

*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward.
Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and
placed in the baskets.*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (8:00/11:00)

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:30)

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.**

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today is Lee Evans. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Nancy Oliver and Carolyn Schultz at 9:30 a.m., and Marge Higley and Pat Gilbreath at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Olivier Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, Carol Smith, Jinx Cooke, Dick Cooke, Beth Sanderford, Kay Fuller, Omer Bellfi, and Sandy Herold at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeannette Middleton, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 a.m. service. Following the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services a minister or prayer team member is available for prayer at the Communion Table. Prayer team members are Marolin Bellefleur and Brad Taylor (9:30) and Marolin Bellefleur (11:00). “The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.” – F. B. Meyer

Chancel flowers are given by Lisa McKarns in memory of Patrick McDevitt, husband, brother, father, uncle and son.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Communion Food Collection is today. Proverbs 22:9 tells us “a generous person will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.” As we are fed at the Lord’s Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Today’s recipient is the Back Door Food Pantry, a joint effort between St. Clare’s Episcopal Church, Temple Beth Emeth, and Muslim Social Services, on Packard Road. The pantry is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers who distribute food and hygiene items every Thursday. Learn more at <http://www.backdoorfoodpantry.org>.

Come be social at the Ice Cream Social today! Join us outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace at 10:30 a.m. for ice cream and great fellowship with friends old and new. **Cookie bakers** include Diane Knibbs. Peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Children’s Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through age two and **Christian education classes** are held for age three through kindergarten. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to Monteith Hall for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Adult Ministry Opportunities:

ConnectEd Conversations are at 10:45 a.m. in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. Along with the day’s scripture readings, our summer reads around justice, mercy, and humility will be the foundation for this time of casual conversation and reflection. All are welcome!

T2A2 Potluck Brunch is at 12:15 p.m. at the home of Catalina Esguerra.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church building will be closed tomorrow, September 4, in observation of Labor Day.

The Mature Singles’ annual Labor Day picnic is at Lillie Park, 4365 Platt Road, at 1:00 p.m., tomorrow, September 4. Bring a table service, beverage, a dish to pass, and a folding chair.

The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow the 9:30 a.m. worship service on September 17 to act on the recommendations of the Congregational Nominating Committee for Class of 2020 elders and deacons and for the 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee.

Today's Ice Cream Social is sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. Would you be willing to join our merry band of lay members who support congregational life at First Pres? Contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). Our meetings are the first Monday night of each month, 6:00–7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Make First Pres your church home! Join us as members by attending the New Member Class on October 1, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch and child-care are provided. The New Member Breakfast is on October 15 at 8:00 a.m. (childcare provided), and new members are introduced in worship that morning. We would love to welcome you to formal membership as a full or affiliate member! Contact Rev. Rogers to learn more (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 355-2351).

Mature Ministries (60 and up) Opportunities:

Sign up with Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 355-2351) on in the Church Office for these two events. If you need a ride, let us know.

Not a Trivial Pursuit at all – join Mature Ministries friends next Sunday, September 10, at 5:00 p.m. for a Back-to-Fall “Trivia Night” at Mary Smith’s home (A2 Westside). Bring a salad or dessert, and Mary will provide the main dish.

Option B Mature Ministries Book Discussion is Sunday, October 8, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., at the home of Mary Smith (A2 Westside). We will discuss *Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy* by Sheryl Sandberg. Drinks and snacks are provided. Books will be on sale (\$15) in the Church Office by September 8. Let Rev. Rogers or the Church Office know today if you would like a copy.

Fall Start-Up is next Sunday, September 10

University Sunday - Dr. Jon Alger preaches at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. worship returns to the Sanctuary.

Adult Education Opportunities:

- 9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30**
- First Couples**
- 11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith**

Children’s Ministry Opportunities:

- 9:30 a.m. **Sunday School classes** for crib through fifth graders
- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday School Open House**
- 10:30 a.m. **Children’s Choir**
- 11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for crib through Kindergarten

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

- 9:20 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway
- 9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**
- 4:30 p.m. **Youth Kickoff Cookout** (grades 6-12 and families)

First Pres volunteers will be supporting guests at Alpha House, a shelter for families experiencing homelessness, the week of September 11. If you would like to join them, please sign up today at Coffee Hour or online. If you have questions, Nicole Jolliet, Lucie Audette, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere will be happy to answer them.

Do you knit? Our first Knit Night gathering is Friday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. New knitters are welcome! Our circle of friends gathers once a month to knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, and other small projects. Join us! Contact Prue Heikkinen (pheikkinen@att.net) for more information.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, September 8, 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road.

Please contact the Church Office for the following:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request to have your child baptized
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home

Did you know there's no need to call or visit the church to request a room for a meeting space or to submit a work order at First Pres? Check out the user-friendly online form under "Signups/Forms" on our website.



First Pres Kids Read!

For older readers:

Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty by Linda Glaser

Emma Lazarus, the subject of Emma's Poem, saw the plight of the immigrants in New York City, the least of these. She began to help them learn to read, get jobs and food, and other necessities. She is most famous for penning the poem on the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses/ Yearning to breathe free." Emma Lazarus truly did her best for "the least of these." How can we choose to give help, water, clothing, love, and kindness to those who are "the least of these"? Where do you see God in this story?

For younger readers:

This Little Light of Mine by E. B. Lewis

It is morning when the book opens, and we are greeted by a smiling boy. Throughout the day he spreads his own special brand of joy wherever he goes. There is a light inside of you. How do you let your light shine? Where do you see God in this story?

Copies of these books are available for you to see at First Pres. Please contact Debbie MacVey for more information.

"Be fair, be kind and walk with God" is our children's summer reading theme from Micah 6:8.

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