

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017 · 10:00 AM

(*) Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, Sunday Worship hymn sheets & Bulletins & wireless hearing aids available.
Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "The Lord is My Shepherd" Goodall
Soloist & Recorder, Michael Ferris

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

People.... Loving God, we come to worship today because we love you, and we want to love you more. We come to worship needing love in our lives: love for family, friends, strangers, enemies.

All..... In this hour of worship, touch our hearts, fill our hearts, open our hearts to your love which passes all understanding. Amen.

*HYMN "Open My Eyes that I May See" # 324

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Mary Yates

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness.

**Help us to walk in your footsteps,
so that we never lose our way.**

**Enable us to live and love in the way that you have taught us
so that we can act in grace,
even with those we consider our enemies.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Sharing God's Peace

Response "Glory Be to the Father" # 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!" OT Page 531

SPECIAL "Give Ear Unto Me" Marcello
MUSIC Michael Ferris and David Kolb, Soloists

GOSPEL READING Matthew 15:21-28
"The Word of the Lord / Thanks be to God!" NT Page 13

CHILDREN'S TALK Helen Adsit

SERMON

*HYMN "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" # 408

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Here I Am, Lord" Schutte
Michael Ferris and Andrea Radesi, Soloists

Song of Praise "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer...using debts and debtors

*HYMN "When in the Night I Meditate" # 165

*BENEDICTION – concluding with
Pastor: God is good
People: ... All the time!

*SUNG RESPONSE

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true Our lives may be our gift to You.**

POSTLUDE "Rondeau No 2 in D Major" Lasky

Welcome Visitors. Please leave your contact info on the pink card that you find in the pew rack. Pick up a Visitor's brochure from the back or ask an Usher! Be sure share a cup of coffee with us today during our fellowship time immediately after Worship

Mission Statement: First Presbyterian Church exists to improve our understanding of Christ; to spread His word and teachings; and to reach out to our church family, our community, and the world through acts of compassion, kindness, and love

A Staffed Nursery & Toddler Care Room is located on the 1st floor behind the sanctuary. We also offer an optional Quiet Room for parents with small children located in the sanctuary back

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today.....8:30 am Early Worship

10:00 am Worship Begins followed by Coffee Break

Mon..... 6:00 pm Vacation Bible School at 1st UMC

Tues.....10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies

1:00 pm Rescue Mission Cook

NEXT SUNDAY....Exodus 1:8 – 2:10; Matthew 16:13-20

JOY serves at Loaves & Fishes

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes: George Vickers; Aug 27: Kevin Taylor

Layreader is Mary Yates; Aug 27: Julie Denton

Worship Recorder is Katrina Schell. Aug 27: John Nethaway

Deacon Ramp Duty is Sue Davidson. Aug 27: Clay Mowry

Coffee Break is immediately after 10am worship in our parlor. Join us for fellowship and refreshments! Please help clean up if you are able

Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List: Jackie, Mike & Samantha Roush; Ray & Gail Tucker; Dave, Carrie, Megan, Michael & Maryrose Scaccia; Mary Conover and Mary Stedman