

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 · 10:00 AM**

(\* Those who are able, please stand. Large print hymnals, bulletins & wireless hearing aids are available. Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Petite Prelude and Fughetta" Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader .... Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God.

**People.... The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.**

Leader .... Their voice goes through all the earth

**People.... and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Leader .... Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**People.... Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

**All ..... Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN "God Is Here!" # 461

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Gail Tucker

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Holy God,**

**in the face of sin, our gravest enemy,**

**we call to you for help.**

**You know our fault before we speak.**

**Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will.**

**Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken**

**and for which we know our wrong.**

**We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought.**

**We have denied our dependence on you.**

**Lead us away from this grief and sorrow.**

**Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you**

**and attend to the needs of your people.**

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

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:27-38

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 34

ANTHEM "Nature's Hymn of Praise" Eugene Butler

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Amanda Yeoman, flute

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 3:1-12

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 180

CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam

(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

\*HYMN "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" # 347

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" arr Held

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

Choral Prayer "Bless the Lord" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

...using "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

SERMON VIDEO "Beyond Sunday School"

\*HYMN "Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart" # 351

\*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Leader: ... Remember that God is good

**People: .... All the time!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Choir starts followed by Congregation)

**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 Psalm 8: "When I consider the heavens..." Fedak

**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!

**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....10:00 am ..... Worship followed by Coffee Break

11:15 ..... Church School Youth & Adults in Chapel

Noon ..... Youth Choir

3:30 ..... Reclaiming Jesus at 1st UMC

Mon..... 6:30 pm ..... RAHW meets in parlor

7:00 pm ..... Nursery School Board meets

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

7:00 pm ..... Serenity Circle

Trustees meet

7:30 pm ..... Evening Circle meets

Wed..... 4:20 pm ..... Rescue Mission serve

6:30 pm ..... Bell Choir

7:30 pm ..... Senior Choir

Thurs ..... 3:00 pm ..... Afternoon Bible Study in Chapel

6:00 pm ..... Mission Committee meets

7:00 pm ..... CE Committee meets

**NEXT SUNDAY.....**Mark 9:30-37; James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

2pm Memorial Service for Lyn Jones

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** are led by Dave Scaccia. Sep 23: Carl Longley

**Layreader** is Gail Tucker; Sep 23: Raymond Tucker

**Worship Recorder** is Katrina Schell. Sep 23: Shari Fish

**Deacon Ramp Duty** is Mary Lou Talley. Sep 23 Marge Palmer

**Weekly Congregation & Presbytery Prayer List:** Donna Longley, Carl Longley, Sam & Cynthia Pendergrast, Vera Noxon, Sue Seubert, Don Harter and First Presbyterian Church, Springfield

**Activity Period, Church School Classes**

**& Youth Choir resume today!**