

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 · 10:00 AM

() Those who are able, please stand.*

Large print hymnals, bulletins & wireless hearing aids available

Ask an usher. Members, please wear your name tag.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "In Chapel" Becker
From the Collection of Robert Stirling

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader People of God, bless the Lord,
People..... bless God's holy name.

Leader For as the heavens are high above the earth,
All so great is God's steadfast love for us.

*HYMN "Down to Earth as a Dove" # 300

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Jim Henderson

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Gracious and loving God,
you lived for us — we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us — we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us — we have not loved ourselves
nor have we loved one another.
Have mercy on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive.
Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord.**

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 Matthew 18:21-35
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 17

ANTHEM "I Know the Lord Laid His Hands On Me" arr Larkin

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 14:1-12
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 124

CHILDREN'S TALK

SERMON

*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 Wold

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 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Berthier

Silent Prayer

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

*HYMN "Help Us Accept Each Other" # 358

*BENEDICTION – concluding with

Pastor: ... 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 "March" Handel

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

11:15 am Church School

Noon Youth Choir

4:00 pm JOY Activity

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

2:00 pm Rescue Mission Cooking (Liz Capt)

7:00 pm Serenity Circle in parlor

Trustees meet

Nursery School Board meets

Wed..... 4:20 pm Rescue Mission serve (413 E Dominick St)

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:30 pm Senior Choir

COPPERSPIRE DEADLINE

Thurs 3:00 pm Afternoon Bible Study

BIB Packing

6:00 pm Mission Committee meets

7:00 pm CE Committee meets

Sat10:00 am Parkinson's Walk

3:00 pm Wedding of Megan Sexton & Shane Mahosky

NEXT SUNDAY....Philippians 1:20-30; Matthew 20:1-16

JOY serves at Loaves & Fishes

Peace and Global Witness Offering begins

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS LOCATION

Church School Youth: 11:15–Noon

(Nursery Available on the First Floor – Room 107)

Multi-Age Group..... Room 206

Grades 7 - 12 Room 201

"From Jesus to Christ" Choir Room

Church School Classes for Our Youth begin today. Thank you to the wonderful teachers who will be leading these classes. Your dedication to Christian Education is valued and appreciated!

Sunday Adult Education Class: 9/17 & 9/24 – From Jesus to Christ; this Frontline documentary explores the life of Jesus and the movement he started, challenging the familiar assumptions about the origins of Christianity. The film traces Jesus' life, focusing on the events that occurred after he died and on his first followers, whose belief, conviction, and martyrdom created a major movement that transformed the Roman Empire in only 300 years. (We will watch 2 episodes of 4.)