

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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](#) "Air" Wesley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Whether we embrace God’s call or try to avoid it,

**People.... God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader Whether we are longtimers or latecomers
in the life of faith,

**People.... God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader Whether our lives are comfortable or a struggle,

**People.... God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

All Let us praise God’s name always!

*HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" # 281

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Jay Fish

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**God of abundant goodness,
we confess that we want your grace for ourselves
but often wish punishment or exclusion on others.**

**We judge the efforts and motives of others
while ignoring the faults of our own.**

Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us.

**Forgive us, we pray,
when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity.**

Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you.

May we ask once again for your mercy?

Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another?

**We pray in the name of Christ Jesus,
by whose grace we are saved.**

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 Exodus 16:2-15
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 48

[ANTHEM](#) "Just As I Am" arr Carter
Maddie Garcia, Flute

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 17

CHILDREN’S TALK Carrie Scaccia
(4yr to Gr1 invited upstairs to Activity Period in 203. Children leave through front exits)

[THEATER SERMON](#) "The Vineyard Laborers"
Narrators: Don & Sue Hanson
Chorus: Senior Choir

*HYMN "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" # 366

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed
(Ecumenical pg 14 in front of Hymnal)

OFFERING

Invitation
[Offertory Music](#) "Jesus Loves Me" 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 "The Lord is My Light" Berthier

Silent Prayer

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

*HYMN "Hope of the World" # 360

*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](#) "Trumpet Voluntary" Purcell

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

12:30 pm JOY serves at Loaves & Fishes

Mon Church Office Closed

..... 6:30 pm Hunger Walk Team in parlor

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

5:00 pm Support Hunger Walk – Eat at Wendy’s

7:00 pm Serenity Circle in parlor

Evening Circle at Mary Grow’s

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

6:30 pm Bell Choir

7:30 pm Senior Choir

Thurs7:30 am Western Pastor Group

Noon Play Group Open House (Nursery School)

3:00 pm Afternoon Bible Study

BIB Packing

7:00 pm Session meets

Fri 7:00 pm Slow Down with Your Slow Cooker

NEXT SUNDAY....Matthew 21:23-32; Philippians 2:1-13
World Communion Sunday, Fair Trade Sales
Peace and Global Witness Offering

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