

**OCTOBER 20, 2019 · 10:00 AM**

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "This is My Father's World" arr Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader .... No matter how far from God we seem,  
we do not lose heart.

**People.... For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

Leader: ... No matter the obstacles we face in life,  
in the church, we do not lose heart:

**People.... For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.**

Leader: ... No matter how hard it is to pray we do not lose heart:

**All ..... For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will forgive and restore my people;  
when I will put my Spirit with in them,  
when I will equip them for every good work.**

\*HYMN "How Lovely, Lord" # 207

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Amy Garcia

Invitation

Unison Prayer

**Gracious God,  
we confess we do not always follow your teachings.**

**We do not keep your word before us in all things.**

**We turn away and wander to easier options.**

**Forgive us, we pray,  
for pursuing our own desires rather than yours,  
for growing weary in following you;  
for losing hope in your power to transform the world.**

**Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.**

**Turn our hearts to your word of grace.**

**Remember your mercy, we pray in Christ's name.**

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 Jeremiah 31:27-34  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" OT Page 570 (899)

**ANTHEM** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr Martin

GOSPEL READING Luke 18:1-8  
"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 62 (LP 99)

CHILDREN'S TALK Pastor Sam

**SERMON** **Don't Give Up**

\*HYMN "Fairest Lord Jesus" # 306

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 2 Corinthians 5:16-20

**From now on we regard no one from a human point of view;  
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away!  
All this is from God, who reconciled us through Christ,  
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.  
God has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us.  
So we are ambassadors for Christ,  
since God is making his appeal through us;  
we urge everyone on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.**

OFFERING

Invitation

**Offertory Music** "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr Behnke

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 "Jesus, Remember Me" Berthier

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer  
...See Laminated Pew Cards for the Lord's Prayer

\*HYMN "This Is My Father's World" # 293

\*BENEDICTION See Laminated Pew Cards 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** "Jubilant Procession" Kerr

**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 to join us in the parlor after Worship for coffee break!

**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 & Fair Sale  
in downstairs Dining Hall

11:15 pm ....Church School

Noon ....Youth Choir

1:00 pm ....Hunger Walk Registration / Walk at 2pm

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

10:00 am ...& 1:30 pm Mission Closet Open

11:00 am ....Rescue Mission Chop & Chat-Bruce Captain

7:00 pm ....Serenity Circle in parlor

7:30 pm Evening Circle in Library

Wed..... 2:00 pm ....Presbytery Mtg in Chapel

6:30 pm ....Bell Choir

7:30 pm ....Senior Choir

Thurs .....7:30 am ....Western Pastor Group

3:00 pm ....Bible Study in Library

BIB Packing at Trinity (TUCC)

7:00 pm ....Session meets

Fri .....Girl Scout Overnight

Sat 10:30 am ....Book Talk

**NEXT SUNDAY** ...Joel 2:23-32; Luke 18:9-14

Peace & Global Witness Offering continues

**Signup to help** Bruce with Tuesday's Chop & Chat for the Rescue Mission. He'll be making potato casserole