

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 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 Prelude on "Dix" Cooman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

**People.... In you, we come home — to rest, to wrestle,
to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.**

Leader Before the mountains were born,
before you delivered the world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

**All In you, we are home — we dream, we flourish,
we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.**

*HYMN "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Handout

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Leader: Keith Butters

Invitation

Unison Prayer

Lord, we confess:

**we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted
with the good news of your grace.**

We relate to others callously

**as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;
we seek to please and manipulate,
using flattery to gain praise and distinction;
we use condescension as a mask
to cover insecurity or a need for power.**

Our motives are mixed, impure.

Lord, forgive us, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus' 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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34-40

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 19

ANTHEM " Love Comes From God" Allen Pote

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

"The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God!**" NT Page 158

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

SERMON

*HYMN "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" # 367

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

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory Music "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" arr Kerr

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 debts and debtors*

*HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" # 473

*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 "A Mighty Fortress" arr Wold

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 Stewardship Breakfast
- 10:00 am Worship followed by Coffee Break in parlor
- 11:15 am Church School
- Noon Youth Choir
- Grab 'N Go Lunch
- Tues.....10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Crafty Ladies
- 7:00 pm No Serenity Circle; Enjoy Halloween
- Wed.....9:00 am Wed AM Club in Choir Room
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:30 pm Senior Choir
- Thurs 3:00 pm Afternoon Bible Study
- BIB Packing
- 6:00 pm "Before the Flood" movie & popcorn
- 7:00 pm Worship & Music meets
- Sat10:30 am Unity Day Environment Event!!

NEXT SUNDAY....1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Joshua 3:7-17
Fall Back, Holy Communion & Fair Trade Sales

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

"The Apostles' Creed" Choir Room

Concludes Today – Apostles' Creed: where did it come from; what are its main themes; what variations are there; what aspects of Christian faith does it not address? Led by Michelle Dolan. "Amazing Grace" the movie & lunch postponed

The Nursery School Board invites you to continue to make donations to Mary Mowry Memorial Scholarship Fund. Envelopes in the pews; young families appreciate the assistance. Please make checks payable to: The First Presbyterian Church noting Mary Mowry Scholarship in memo line