



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

# SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 17, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(A children's nursery is available upon request. Please see an usher to assist you)*

ORGAN PRELUDE

*(Please use the prelude as a time to quietly prepare for worship)*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP      *O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*      Psalm 95

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed;

**All: it grows into a great plant with many branches. Let us worship God.**

**\*\*OPENING PRAYER**

*(The pastor will offer a prayer, to which the congregation will respond **Amen** [Hebrew for "it is so."])*

**\*\*HYMN 263**      *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!*

**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We judge by outward appearances, but you see what is in our hearts. We look down on small things, but you know how they will grow. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to live by faith, trusting in the vision of your word and the promise of a new creation;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*\*KYRIE ELEISON**

Hymnal 576

**\*\*TIME FOR SILENCE**      *(We ask for forgiveness for our individual faults)*

**\*\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*\*THE PEACE**

**One:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal 581

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Gaylor, liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:8-17

Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

## TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

## SERMON

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*\*HYMN 771

*What Is the World Like*

\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

*- Adapted from the Confession of 1967, (BOC 9.54-55)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: In the communion of the Holy Spirit, we call on the name of the Lord, saying:  
By your Spirit, O God,

**All: transform our lives.**

One: We pray for the church . . . Teach us to walk by faith and not by sight, with the love of Christ always urging us on until your new creation is revealed.

By your Spirit, O God,

**All: transform our lives.**

One: We pray for the world . . . Like the mustard seed of Jesus' story, let your grace and peace grow in our world, until all find shade and shelter in your love.

By your Spirit, O God,

**All: transform our lives.**

One: We pray for this community . . . Raise up new and youthful leaders who will be good shepherds to your sheep, seeking the welfare of all.

By your Spirit, O God,

**All: transform our lives.**

One: We pray for loved ones . . . Answer them in their time of trouble; protect them from all evil and grant them your heart's desire.

By your Spirit, O God,

**All: transform our lives.**

One: Gracious God, continue to pour out your power in the church, in the world, and in our daily lives, so all will know that you are at work among us; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord, who taught us to pray - Our Father...

## LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 35

## CHORAL PRAYER

*Bow Down Thine Ear*

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

## \*\*THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 606

## \*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord see the offerings we place before you and hear the pledges of service we make in our prayers.

**All: All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*\*HYMN 702

*Christ Be Beside Me*

\*\*CHARGE

\*\*BLESSING

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

\*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 826

*Lift High the Cross*

(verse 4 only)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

## **WELCOME !**

**If this is your first time at First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for choosing to spend some time with us in worship.**

**If you have questions about us, or what we believe, you can talk to Rev. Sandoval after the service.**

**If you are just curious about us, we encourage you to take a welcome brochure with you. You can also check us out on the web at: [www.fpc-rr.org](http://www.fpc-rr.org).**

**If you feel that you have found a church home here and would like to join, that is wonderful! You can transfer your membership from another church or simply profess your faith in Jesus Christ. Talk to Reverend Sandoval after the service to make arrangements for joining.**

**In any event, be sure to fill out the friendship pad and include your email address. We'd love the opportunity to keep you informed about the wonderful things we are doing here at FPC.**

**THE SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Class of 2018**

Faye Brown  
Nancy Sandoval

**Class of 2019**

Jeff Dillard  
Denise Hackenburg  
John Shives

**Class of 2020**

Jimmy Bryant  
Nancy Crowe  
Mary Shelby  
Wally Spragins

**WORLD MISSIONS**

Our church supports the missionary work of Larry and Inge Sthreshley in the Congo, and the Rev. Donald Marsden, Frontier Fellowship.

**OTHER SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

Sunday School meets at 9:45 am for adults.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The morning CIRCLE meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:45 am, and an evening CIRCLE meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Locations are announced in the bulletin or you may call the church office for further information. Pet Spears and Nancy Crowe are the Moderators of the Presbyterian Women.

**PRESCHOOL**

Our Preschool Program for two-year-olds meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am.

Three-year-olds meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:00 am or 12:00-2:30 pm.

Twos and Threes are taught by Leesa Daughtry and Shannon Knight.

Four year old classes meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and are taught by Susan Gaylor and Becky Faison. Classes are 8:30-11:30 am and 12:30-3:30 pm.

Contact the church office for further information.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN**

Jim Allen and Jimmy Bryant are the Co-President's of the Presbyterian Men.

Sunday morning breakfast meetings are held periodically.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Pioneers – 3rd grade up to Middleschoolers

Senior Youth – Middleschoolers & Highschoolers

Contact the church office for more information.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Joe Sandoval, Pastor

Tammy Spragins, Administrative Assistant

Denise Hackenburg, Choir Director

Charles Harris, Organist

Nancy Sandoval, Choral Accompanist