



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

TWENTY-FOURTH 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

Sanctuary

Thompson & Scruggs

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Through the abundance of your steadfast love,

All: We will enter your house,

One: We will bow down towards your holy temple in awe of you.

All: Lead us, O Lord, in your righteousness. 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 451**

Open My Eyes, that I May See

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing

**our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.**

****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

Wally Spragins, liturgist

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord;
give heed to my sighing.

Listen to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil will not sojourn with you.

The boastful will not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies;
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house,

I will bow down towards your holy temple
in awe of you.

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.
For there is no truth in their mouths;
their hearts are destruction;
their throats are open graves;
they flatter with their tongues.
Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;
because of their many transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.
But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy.
Spread your protection over them,
so that those who love your name may exult in you.
For you bless the righteous, O Lord;
you cover them with favor as with a shield.

ANTHEM

Hear My Words

Paulus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

SERMON

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: In our trouble and need, we look to the Lord, the giver of our daily bread, saying:
God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the church . . . Strengthen us to follow Christ more faithfully, denying ourselves, taking up his cross, and devoting our lives to your glory.
God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the world . . . Help us all to heed your voice of wisdom, calling out for compassion and peace, for righteousness and justice on earth.
God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for this community . . . Let our words be a blessing, not a curse; put out the fires of destructive gossip and dispel the poison of venomous rhetoric.
God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for loved ones . . . Hear the cries of those who call on your name; deliver them from the entanglements of death so that they may walk again in the land of the living.
God of abundant grace,

All: hear our prayer.

One: Generous God, as you provide for us each day, nourish and strengthen us in faith and faithfulness, so that we may share your grace in a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life, who taught us to pray, Our Father ...

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 35

CHORAL PRAYER

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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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 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

**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.

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. Tammy Spragins and Judith Clary 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