

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day

9:30 a.m.

July 23, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship this morning.

- First Presbyterian Church welcomes families with young children. Staffed nursery care is available during worship. Audio from the worship service can be heard in the library (adjacent to the sanctuary) and social hall.
- If you are visiting because of medical treatment at Mayo Clinic we offer our prayers for healing.
- Our activities and programs are open to all, member and friend alike.
- We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the atrium before and after the service.

** As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. **

Gathering

Prelude

For the Fruit of All Creation

Sam Batt Owens, Frank Stoldt

Our worship begins with the prelude. Let the power of the music speak to you of God's glory; let its quietness tell you of God's peace; let its beauty lift your hearts in prayer.

Greeting and Welcome

Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship Register and pass it to the person next to you.

Minute for Mission for mission co-worker visit

Phyllis Schmid

Congregational meeting to elect officers

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Cynthia Kunzman

People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever!

For great is your steadfast love for me.

You have delivered my soul from the depths.

God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

◆ **Hymn 620**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Sisters and brothers, all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a fermata over a whole note G, followed by a measure rest marked with the number 2. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.'

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

Words of Life

Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world. So be it. Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri

4

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now and ev-er shall be. World with-out end. A - men.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a fermata over a whole note G, followed by a measure rest marked with the number 4. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is'. The third staff concludes with the lyrics 'now and ev-er shall be. World with-out end. A - men.'

Installation of officers

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

The Word

Prayer for Illumination 460 (st. 1) (seated) Break Thou the Bread of Life BREAD OF LIFE
Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Reading from the Gospels Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Anthem arr. Lloyd Larson
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (see hymn 39)
Barbara Depman and Melbourne Grovesnor

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 1) PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
These Treasured Children

These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.

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Pass Prayer Cards to the aisle. An usher will collect them.

Reading from the Epistles

Romans 8:12-25

Alleluia hymn 591 (refrain)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Message

What a Pain

Rev. T. J. Parlette

** A Moment for Reflection **

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 792**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**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 and Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Offertory

At the offertory

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Jay Althouse

Barbara Depman and Melbourne Grovesnor

Lord, I reach my hands to you, no other help I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then shall I go?

O Lord, I give my soul to you, I seek your care and love. No other blessings do I need but those from you above.

Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand. And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

Lord, I stretch my hands to you, no other help I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then shall I go? Oh, Lord, I stretch my hands to you. Amen.

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◆ **Offertory Response 708** (stanza 1) **We Give Thee but Thine Own**

SCHUMANN

We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

God of mystery and grace, you have met us and blessed us with such abundant promise. In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets. As we bring our offerings, we pray that you would use us, for we come in the name of Jesus and by the movement of your Spirit in this place. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 847**

Our Hope, Our Life

O WALY, WALY

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Benediction Response** (page 4)

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Postlude

Those who wish may be seated for the postlude. Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you want to express your appreciation, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is appropriate.

Some of the service music was written by Lee J. Afdahl and is published in "Holy Is the Lord."

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Voice

Go now in peace. Nev - er be a - fraid. God will go
with you each hour of ev - 'ry day. Go now in faith, stead-fast strong and
true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in
love, and show you be - lieve. Reach out to othe - ers so all the world can
see. God will be there watch - ing from a - bove. Go now in
peace, in faith, and in love.

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About Our Church

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is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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Calendar for the week of July 23 – July 30 (and beyond)

From now through Labor Day Sunday we will have one service of worship at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

TODAY – July 23

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Jay and Britta Youmans in memory of Addison and Lucile Youmans and Sulo and Doris Havumaki.

A **nursery** for infants through 3-year-olds is staffed throughout the morning. We also offer a space for nursing mothers. An usher will be happy to direct you if you don't know where the nursery is located.

Coffee and donuts will be available in the atrium both before (beginning at 8:45) and after the service.

Session has called a special meeting of the congregation at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of electing officers. Names to be submitted by the Nominating Committee include Thomas Pileggi to fill a vacancy on the Session and Sally Brooks, Jeff Remfert, and Cindy Sannes to fill vacancies on the Board of Deacons. Nominations from the floor will be accepted provided the person has given prior approval to being named.

Orientation for new officers will be at 10:45 a.m.

Join Mark Mueller for a **group walk through**

Cascade Meadow Wetlands (2900 19th Street NW) beginning at 1 p.m. Cascade Meadow sits on a 100-acre site of which 90 acres of natural areas have been restored. Two miles of trails winds its way through seven different types of wetlands and three upland communities. Bring a hat and water and wear sunscreen. Feel free to invite a friend.

WEDNESDAY – July 26

Presbyterian Women will host its **Medical Missions Coffee** from 1-3 p.m. at the home of Bev Lewis (1609 Ridge Drive NE). If you would like to contribute but can't attend, you can make out your check to 'Presbyterian Women' and leave it in the church office or mail it to the church.

Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. The topic July 26 will be selections from the Revised Common Lectionary and will be led by Mark Mueller.

SUNDAY – July 30

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY – July 31

Endowment Committee at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

TUESDAY – August 1

Grief Support Group meets at 11 a.m. in the library.

Deacons do NOT meet in August. Their next meeting will be September 5.

Most committees meet. Check with your lead elder if you aren't sure about yours – we know some committees rescheduled to attend Neighborhood Night Out events.

FPC has had a strong partnership with the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba in Jagüey Grande since 2008. For the past year we have supported the **Rev. David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo** as mission co-workers serving the 15,000 members of the Presbyterian Reformed Church

in Cuba. Please join us on August 1 at 7 p.m. in the lounge as they talk about their experiences serving as the first missionaries in Cuba since 1959.

WEDNESDAY – August 2

Charter House worship and communion at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY – August 6

Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library after the service August 6 to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

For Your Information

Book Giveaway Continues. As the church library revitalization project continues, outdated books are continually being removed and made available for free. Look for the "free books" note on boxes in the library and the foyer and the cart in the atrium. More books are added weekly.

Among the Church Family

Happy Birthday to Beverly Thoma who will celebrate her 97th birthday July 31.

Job Openings

First Presbyterian Church has three job openings:

- Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education
- Custodian
- Child Care worker

If you would like to apply for any of these positions, please pick up an application form and job description in the church office.

Meet our mission co-workers

August 1, 2017 – 7 p.m.

Our congregation has a history of supporting Presbyterian Mission Co-workers. On Tuesday, August 1, we have the privilege of welcoming our newest co-workers, the Rev. David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo, serving in Cuba.

David is on the faculty of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, an ecumenical institution which has been in existence for more than 70 years. He teaches New Testament and Greek, preaches in several churches (Presbyterian and Baptist), and teaches in a program for Cuban pastors. Josey is a Christian Educator who works in education efforts in churches. In addition to these responsibilities they are involved in helping heal what is known as the "Cuban-to-Cuban" issue, involving Cubans who left the island and those who did not leave.

We will meet in the lounge for a conversation-type format so we can learn not only what they do but also what they need of our congregation. Is there a project our congregation could focus on? What about travel to Cuba and some details about groups traveling there? What about an intergenerational trip option?

This is a great opportunity for us to get updated information and insights about a country that has certainly been in our news of the past year. Please plan to attend!

~ Jon Closson and Phyllis Schmid / Mission Committee