



# First Presbyterian Church of Athens

*In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!*

June 26, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone. The nursery is available downstairs. Consult an usher if you need a personal hearing device, large-print bulletin or hymnal.*

### Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### Prelude

*"Hallowed be thy name" from Salem Sonata* Dan Locklair

### Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

*Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad.*

### Journeying by Stages

*Stages of Grief*

Robyn McDonald

*"And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb." Genesis 12:9*

### Song of Gathering

Hymn 489, Stanza 1

**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there.**

**Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;**

**O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.**

### Call to Worship

from Revelation 4

Leader: Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty

**People: who was and is and is to come,**

Leader: you are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power

**People: for you created all things!**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

### \*Hymn 460

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

\*\*\*\**Latecomers may be seated.*

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, Hymn 460 is an abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set to the tune composed and named for the German version.

\* Those who are able may stand.

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from  
your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light,  
and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Congregational Response

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### \*Passing of the Peace

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

**And also with you.**

*Worshippers may greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you,"  
and responding, "And also with you."*

### A Time for Young Children

Children, age four through grade two, may come forward for a message and then  
leave for Children's Church located in the Children's Ministry Suite. To pick up  
your child after the service, please go through the Atrium and down the stairs.

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

### Congregational Prayer for Illumination Hymn 321, Stanza 1

**Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

### First Lesson Ekekiel 36:22-28, page 790

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem *Appalachian Lord's Prayer* Rick Sowash

Beloved God, beyond the mountains, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kindom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation.  
Deliver us, we pray, from evil, for thine is the kindom,  
the power of morning, the sunset glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

### Second Lesson I Corinthians 1:1-2, page 1040

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### Sermon *The Lord's Prayer: 2. Hallowed Be Thy Name...In Us*

Dr. Strickland

The anthem uses an original melody that evokes the beauty of the Appalachian Mountains. Rick Sowash (born 1950) is an American author, composer, publisher, filmmaker, and storyteller.

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

## Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Every worshiper, young and old, is encouraged to offer a gift out of gratitude to God.*

### Offertory

O God Unseen

Mark Schweizer

O God, unseen yet ever near, thy presence may we feel;  
and thus inspired with holy fear, before thine altar kneel.  
Here may the faithful people know the blessings of thy love,  
the streams that through the desert flow, the manna from above.  
Thus may we all thy word obey, for we, O God, are thine;  
and go rejoicing on our way, renewed with strength divine.

### \*Doxology

Hymn 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

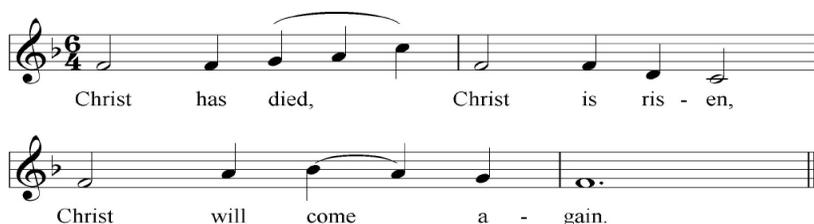
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

*"...and so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name singing:"*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

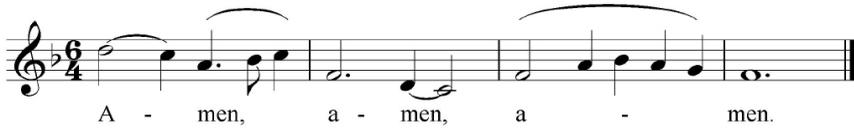
*"...Great is the mystery of faith:"*



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,  
Christ will come a - gain.

The offertory anthem is a setting of a text by Edward Osler (1789-1863). North Carolina composer Mark Schweizer (born 1956) is also an author and is owner and editor of St. James Music Press.

“...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.”



### The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 16

... forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. . . .

### Breaking of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

#### Communion of the People

*Please partake as you are served. The cup in the center of each plate contains gluten-free bread.*

#### Prayer after Communion

## SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

### \*Hymn 507

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

### \*Benediction

*Following worship, all are invited for a time of conversation and refreshments in the Atrium.*

### \*Congregational Response

Hymn 535

**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

*Prelude and Fugue in Bb*

J. S. Bach

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**Nurseries for infants and toddlers** are available from 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible through the Atrium and down the stairs.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

### *Liturgists:*

John Kipp, Parish Associate;  
Natalie Bishop, Director of Children's Ministries

### *Lay Reader:*

Leslye Queen

## USHERS

Judy Howell (head), Carl Bergmann, Diane Hartzell,  
Julie Hayes, Tanna Nicholson

## GREETERS

Kathy Bangle, Jim Dove, Faye Marshall, Mary Peace

## ELDERS AT THE DOOR

Matt Bishop, Bertis Downs, Sue Gray,  
Christine Register

## ELDER ON CALL

The elder on call is Joe Attaway. You may contact Joe at (706) 296-1982 June 26-30. The elder on call is available if there is an emergency that requires support.

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Martha Elmore, Harold Maxwell, Jolene Maxwell

## FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in honor of Bill Flatt's 85th birthday, given by Marihope Flatt.