



# 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!*

July 24, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Seventeenth 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

*Processional in E-flat*

David N. Johnson

### Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

*Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad.*

### Song of Gathering

Hymn 483, Stanza 1

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!**

### Call to Worship

Colossians 2:7 (Good News Bible)

Keep your roots deep in [Christ Jesus],

**build your lives on him,**

and become stronger in your faith, as you were taught.

**And be filled with thanksgiving.**

Come, let us worship God.

### Rooted & Reaching Reflections

Ella Stewart

*The congregation is invited to speak or sing the text in **bold** type.*

Ella Stewart is a ruling elder on the Fellowship & Evangelism Commission.

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

The appropriation of the tune AUSTRIAN HYMN for propaganda has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with the text *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

**\*Hymn 446** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

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

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God,**  
**you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**  
**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**  
**We have not loved you with a pure heart,**  
**nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.**  
**We have not done justice, loved kindness,**  
**or walked humbly with you, our God.**  
**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.**  
**In your great compassion,**  
**cleans us from our sin.**  
**Create in us a clean heart, O God,**  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**  
**Do not cast us from your presence,**  
**or take your Holy Spirit from us.**  
**Restore to us the joy of your salvation**  
**and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

**\*Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **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.**

*Worshipers 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 to the Atrium and down the stairs.*

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

**Congregational Prayer for Illumination** Hymn 454, Stanza 1

**Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you;**  
**let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you;**  
**by your teachings true and holy,**  
**drawn from earth to love you solely.**

**First Lesson** Exodus 16:2-5, 13-15, page 62  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *The Call* Alexander Brent Smith  
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath;  
such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as killeth death!  
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast,  
such a Feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest.  
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move;  
such a Love as none can part; such a Heart as joys in love!

**Second Lesson** Matthew 7:7-11, page 885  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *The Lord's Prayer: 5. Give Us Daily Bread* Dr. Strickland

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

\***Hymn 333** *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

\***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 and the Lord's Prayer** Hymnal, p.16  
... forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. . . .

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

**Offertory** *Beach Spring* Wilbur Held

\***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**

The author and composer of Hymn 333 wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The second stanza, based on Matthew 7:7, emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important part of sung prayer.

## SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*, a text on stewardship, was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

**\*Hymn 422**      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*      BEACH SPRING

**\*Benediction**

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

**\*Congregational Response**

AR HYD Y NOS

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story;**

**here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**\*Postlude**

*Grand Chœur*

Théodore Salomé

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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

***Liturgist***

John Kipp

***Lay Reader***

Christine Register

### USHERS

Chuck Toney (head), Jimbo Laboon,  
Keith Oelke, Lisa Oelke, Isaac Toney,  
Laura Toney

### GREETERS

James Dove, Sue Marion, Terry Nestor,  
Ella Stewart

### ELDERS AT THE DOOR

Diane Adams, Matt Bishop, Rod Canfield,  
Terry Nestor

**The Elder on Call** is Joy Holloway. You may contact Joy at (706)410-5182 July 24 - 31. The elder on call is available if there is an emergency that requires support.

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**A special word of welcome to our guests.** Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Our congregation, session, and staff welcome you to First Presbyterian Church of Athens. Please fill out the pew pad with as much contact information as you would like to share so that we may follow up with you.

We hope you will come again and if you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider joining this caring community of faith. Our next new member classes will begin September 11 at 9:45 a.m. Please call the church office (706-543-4338) or email us ([frontdesk@firstpresathens.org](mailto:frontdesk@firstpresathens.org)) to inquire about attending.