



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 11, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

VBS 2017, Passport to Peru, photo courtesy of Moffatt Williams.

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 during the service. Consult an usher if you need a personal hearing device, large-print bulletin or large-print hymnal.

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

Greeting

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

Prelude

Prelude in D Major, BWV 532 Johann Sebastian Bach

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

Children's Ministry

Jim Scanlon

Song of Gathering

Hymn 220, Stanza 1

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forthtell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad.

* Those who are able may stand.

Call to Worship

Our God is strong, like a rock.

We come to worship the God of steadfast love and unfailing hope.

Our God is the one who gives life.

We come to worship the God of peace and eternal salvation.

Our God cares for the ones the world forgets.

We come to worship the God of righteousness and justice.

Our God fills our lives with grace and mercy.

**Let our worship soar with shouts of joy
and songs of praise to our God!**

Much of the imagery of Hymn 138 comes from Revelation 4:2-11. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

*Hymn 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICEA

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. Your blessings have been poured out on the world and into our lives and yet all we can think about are our own problems, our own pleasures, our own cravings. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence so that all the world may see the beauty of your holiness.

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

Hymn 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*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.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you.

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism is Julianne Grace Welch, daughter of Kevin and Jennie Welch.

*Question to Congregation

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Julianne by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ? If so, please stand.

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, p.14

Baptism Hymn 492 Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

After the baptism, children, ages Pre-K - grade 2, are invited to Children's Church held in the Godly Play Rooms.

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 Psalm 13:1-6, page 484

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

Anthem Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

This nineteenth-century prayer text by Thomas T. Lynch, who was a minister in England, is based on Adoro te devote, a Gregorian chant.

Second Lesson Luke 18:1-8, page 957

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Sermon Trilogy of Prayer: (1) God, Are You Listening?

Dr. Bruce Lancaster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 16
... and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. . .

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Lucis Creator Optime" from Musica Divina

Philip G. Kreckel

*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

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 538** Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*Benediction

*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

Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

J.S. Bach

Hymn 538 is one of several of corporate benediction using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

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

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A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the fellowship pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nurseries for infants and toddlers, available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

To pick up your child from Children's Church after the service, please go through the Atrium to Fellowship Hall. A Children's Church teacher will meet you there.

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- 9:00 a.m. Jubilee Partners Remodeling Project, 427 Jubilee Rd., Comer
- 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Council Meeting, Room 308
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
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- 6:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room

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- 9:00 a.m. Wonderful Wednesday, Weekday School
- 11:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Circle Seven, Home of Phyllis Crowell, 215 Tanglewood Dr.
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- 12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 4:30 p.m. Yoga, Room 310

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The Oelke family

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PROJECT SAFE VOLUNTEER

WORK DAY

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Please join our team from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. sorting clothes and other items for sale to benefit victims of domestic violence. To volunteer or for questions please contact Kitty Donnan (kittydavedonnan@gmail.com).

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REMODELING PROJECT

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(please note time change)

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