



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 10, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Tenth 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 during both services. 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

Lord Christ, I Give Thee Praise Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Song of Gathering

Hymn 229, Stanza 1

**From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends.

Call to Worship

We follow Christ,
Who says take up your cross.
We follow Christ,
Who bids us come and offer our lives.
We follow Christ,
Who summons us to new life.

*Hymn 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

*Call to Confession

Isaac Watts wrote the familiar text of Hymn 101 in an attempt to give 18th century Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. This 19th century tune is inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

* Those who are able may stand.

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



Over the summer, the children will be learning about different parts of worship. The children are invited forward where they find the church mouse.

Hymn 486, addressed to a newly-baptized child, begins each stanza with a facet of the child's identity, culminating in "child of God." By being directed to one person instead of the entire congregation, this text occupies a special category among the "songs of encouragement."

***Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us, God, for trying to make you what we want you to be, instead of obeying you. Forgive us for putting the idols of our own pride and fear where you should be. Give us the courage to live as disciples of Jesus Christ so that our lives reflect the glory of the living God. Redeem us as we offer ourselves as living sacrifices truly pleasing to you.

***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.

Time for Children

Natalie Bishop

Sacrament of Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of baptism is Tre Kedrick Burg, son of Karen and Tim Burg.

***Question to the Congregation**

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

***Affirmation of Faith**

The 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.**

Baptism Hymn 498 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

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 Philippians 3:7-11, page 1072
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Brother James' Air arr. Gordon Jacob
The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of blessedness,
e'en for his own name's sake.
Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,
yet will I fear now ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head with oil thou dost anoint,
and my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my days
will surely follow me;
and in my Father's heart always
my dwelling place shall be.

The anthem was composed by James Leith Macbeth Bain (1840-1925), the healer, mystic, and poet known simply as Brother James. Born in a devout Christian home, Bain came to doubt his faith but later regained it. He founded the Brotherhood of Healers, and he and his fellow healers often sang to their patients during healing sessions.

Second Lesson Psalm 23:2-3 page 491
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Psalm 23: Your Way and God's Leadership
Dr. Bruce Lancaster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 387** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Auf, auf, mein Herz arr. 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**

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

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

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*Hymn 339	Be Thou My Vision	SLANE
*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	Built on a Rock	arr. Paul Manz

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 8:45 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.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist

Kitty Donnan

Baptismal Elder

Mary Havick

USHERS

Rick Simpson (head), Betsy Canfield, Rod Canfield, Allen Crowell, Phyllis Crowell, Ed Law

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Sarah and Robbie Bryan

GREETERS

Jim Dove, Carroll Gaillard, Diane Hartzell, Mary Peace

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Lourenço

FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the marriage of Sarah Christian Haynes and Michael James Moore.

We welcome Dr. Martha Braswell as our guest organist and choir director today. Martha and her husband Jim moved back to Athens from Pasadena, TX last winter and joined our church. She is a retired organist, choral director, and professor of music.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Bruce Lancaster, Interim Senior Pastor
Dr. Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor
Dr. John Kipp, Parish Associate
The Reverend Bob Googe, Parish Associate
Dr. John Coble, Director of Music and Organist
Mrs. Kim Ness, Director of Youth Ministries
Mrs. Natalie Bishop, Director of Children's Ministries
Mrs. Elaine Johnson, Director of Weekday School
Mr. Roger Burbage, Church Administrator
Mrs. Lucy Bell Johnson, Administrative Assistant for
Congregational Care & Membership
Ms. Nan Powell, Communications Specialist

Mrs. Jennifer Sunderlin, Receptionist/Admin. Assistant
Mrs. Laura McHugh, Accountant
Mrs. Tiffany Greene, Weekday School Admin. Assistant
Ms. Jennifer Abbott, Nursery Volunteer & Staff
Coordinator
Mrs. Charlotte Chromiak, Children's Music Assistant
Mr. Willie "Buc" Collins, Sexton
Mrs. Madeline Van Dyck, Parish Nurse

Student Interns:
Ms. Jordan Osborne, Youth Ministry Intern
Ms. Yuxin Ni, Church Music Intern

THIS WEEK

June 9 - 16 - Honduras Mission Trip

Sunday, June 10

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching
- 11:05 a.m. Fellowship, Atrium
- 3:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Amy Nicholson, Reception Following

Tuesday, June 12

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Room 304
- 2:00 p.m. Bicentennial 2020 Vault Work, Room 127
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Group Supervision, Moses Waddel Room, Rooms 308, 309, 310

Wednesday, June 13

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday
- 11:30 a.m. Bookless Book Group, Mama's Boy, 197 Oak St.
- 12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302

Saturday, June 16

- 9:00 p.m. Honduras Missionaries Return

Sunday, June 17

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching

LOOKING AHEAD

June 18-21 - Weekday School Camp

June 21-24 - Massanetta Middle School Conference

June 23 - Memorial Service for Jack Razor, Reception Following

June 24-30 - Montreat Worship & Music Conference

June 26 - First Friends, Ted's Most Best

June 27 - Bookless Book Group, Heirloom Cafe

July 11 & 25 - Bookless Book Group

July 22-28 - Montreat Youth Conference

July 23-26 - Weekday School Camp

Summer Choir

All interested singers are invited to join us for Summer Choir. We meet in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning's service. Our Chancel Choir is the foundation of this group. Singers may join us for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. Adults, youth, and children are all welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

June 9-16

Prayer Requests

Yesterday our team left for Honduras after almost a year of preparation. This week as they serve, please keep them in your prayers. Specifically please pray that they stay healthy on the trip, that they grow in their friendship with each other and with the people they meet in Honduras, and in their relationship with God. We look forward to their safe return and to hearing all about their trip. Gracias!

Facebook Updates

Search, "First Presbyterian Church of Athens" on Facebook and check for daily posts from our team in Honduras!

Holy Joe Coffee

Our second order of special FPC coffee is here! We sold out of our first order, raising \$360 for the Honduras mission trip! Thank you!

VBS 2018

We had a wonderful time at Maker Fun Factory! Thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers who helped remind over 100 children from our church and surrounding community that they are made by God, built for a purpose, and truly loved for the person they are and will continue to become.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is one way our congregation carries out its mission of "sharing the love of Christ." Stephen Ministers are available to meet weekly and confidentially one-on-one for as long as needed with persons who are going through difficult times such as grief, extended illness, divorce, job-related stress, caring for disabled family members, etc. Contact a Stephen Leader to find out more: Dawn Frisch (914-255-3447), Larry Gray (706-202-1005), or Carol Strickland (706-543-4338)

Summer Camps & Wonderful Wednesdays

Looking for a fun activity for your preschooler this summer? A few spots are left!

Registration is open for "Wonderful Wednesdays" through August 1 and two camp weeks, June 18 - 21 and July 23-26.

Please contact the Weekday School at wds@firstpresathens.org.

June Sermon Series: Psalm 23

Athanasius, a powerful figure in the early church, wrote: "Most scripture speaks to us, while the psalms speak for us." Nowhere is this more true than in Psalm 23, most everyone's favorite.

How does this psalm of just over 100 words...three thousand years old, drawn from a primitive historic context, set in a rural scene...speak with such power today? The secret is this: times change but our needs do not. More than ever we need God **to provide, to lead, to protect, to sustain**, and every day we need to affirm what David proclaimed, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Our sermon series for June will move through the six verses of Psalm 23, exploring the depth of God's never-changing care for us, leading us to move from a stance of depending on ourselves to depending on God.