

## SERVING TODAY

### USHERS:

- 8:25a.m. Jay Haggard (Head), Mark Dail, Janelle Haggard, Margaret Heberlein, Rufus McAden, Joy Thompson, Joyce Weaver  
10:55a.m. Pat Avery, (Head); Marge Avery, Tom Brunk, Bill Hillhouse, Nancy Melling, Mike Newman, Nancy Newman, Monte Starr

### GREETERS:

- 8:25a.m. Patti Fleming  
10:55a.m. Linda & Chip Chagnon

## WORSHIP NOTES

### LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS for **October 21**

- Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c  
Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12 Mark 10:35-45

### **Text and Title for October 21**

Hebrews 5:1-10; Job 38:1-7, 34-41

*Unanswerable Questions from an Incomprehensible God*

### SESSION

William Hawkins, Moderator, Maren Sonstegard-Spray Vice-Moderator  
Susan Ryan, Interim Clerk

### **Administration**

*Chris Kelso '19*  
Betsy Conzelman '20  
Jerry Johnson '18  
Trudy Martin '20

### **Education**

*Jennifer East '19*  
Janet Bryan '20  
David Hale '20

### **Care**

*Becky Nohr '19*  
Polly Frank '20  
Mildred Moore '18  
Doug Phelps '19

### **Fellowship**

*Cathy Warren '20*  
Beth Foley '18  
Peter Moeller '20

### **Communications**

*Susan Ryan '19*  
Oscara Stevick '19

### **Outreach**

*Hollis Brannon '18*  
Margaret Colbert '18  
Bob McCarn '19

### **Worship**

*David Taylor '18*  
Joan Leibert '18

### PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF

- \* The Rev. Dr. William (Bill) Hawkins, *Pastor*
- \* The Rev. Maren Sonstegard-Spray, *Temporary Associate Pastor*
- \* Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang, *Director of Education and Youth Ministry*
- \* The Rev. Lloyd Griffith, *Parish Associate*

### MUSIC PROGRAM STAFF

- \* Pat K. Rowlett, *Director of Music*
- Vance Harper Jones, *Organist*
- Susan Mabie, *Director, Resurrection Singers*
- Cindy Sutton, *Assistant Organist and Pianist*
- Dru Wilkins, *Music Assistant*

### OFFICE & SUPPORT STAFF

- James Briley, Jr., *Treasurer*
- Louis Foye, *Sexton*
- \* Tommy Hall, *Administrative Coordinator*
- \* Connie MacLean, *Executive Secretary*
- \* Amber Zapffel, *Financial Secretary*
- Missy Dixon, *Nursery Staff*
- Autumn Martin, *Nursery Staff*
- Kerri Wheeler, *Children's Worship*

### PRE-SCHOOL

- \* Kerri Wheeler, *Director of Preschool*
- You can contact persons designated \* by replacing their first names as in the example for our pastor: [bill@firstpresnb.org](mailto:bill@firstpresnb.org)

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



IN THE CITY OF NEW BERN

ORGANIZED 1817

— THE LORD'S DAY —

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 October 2018

— Eight Twenty-Five and Ten Fifty-Five AM —

**First Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith  
where Jesus Christ transforms lives:**

through *worship*, as we praise and glorify God;  
through *outreach*, as we embody God's love in service to the world;  
through *education*, as we listen for God's Word;  
through *giving*, as we express gratitude to God;  
through *caring*, as we love and care for one another;  
through *communication*, as we invite all to join in God's work;  
through *fellowship* as we share our lives and faith together.

**Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World**

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes covenant with all believers,  
First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for  
all people. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless  
of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational  
status, or political affiliation.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME, visitors! Please write your name on a visitor's badge for your blouse or lapel. Along with our members, please sign the Friendship Pad when passed to you during the service.

CHILDREN are welcome at First Presbyterian Church. Beginning at 8:15AM the nursery is available for infants--4 years. At the 10:55 AM service the nursery is available for infants--2 years. Following the Children's Moment, those in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or younger may depart for Children's Worship and Wonder. For those 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, ask an usher for worship bags for your child(ren).

NURSERY is in room 1.23 in the Ministry Center.

RESTROOMS are available in the Ministry Center, (including a family restroom), the Session House and the Fellowship Center.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES with ear coverings are available. Please ask an usher if you have need.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY is provided by ramps on either side of the Sanctuary and in back of the Ministry Center.

WORSHIP SYMBOLS indicate the following:

- \*\* seating of latecomers
- \* if comfortable doing so, please stand
- † 8:25 AM only
- ‡ 10:55 AM only

# ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

The moments before worship are a transition from “getting there” to “being here.” You are invited to use this time to quiet your mind, and in your personal prayers find yourself becoming more attentive to God’s Spirit present in our midst. The Prayer of the Day is offered to assist you.

## \*\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Listening God, hear your church today as we bring our joys and our concerns, our thanksgivings and our demands. Fill us with the assurance that you truly hear our words and thoughts, our songs and our tears. In the name of the one who always shows us the way, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*\* PRELUDE *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Cassler

INTROIT *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!* Cameroon Song

## CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 22:3-5

Leader: God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: **In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.**

Leader: To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: **God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*\* \* HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* Roberts/Warren

## \* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. **O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior.** (silent confession)

\* KYRIE ELEISON John Merbecke



## \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy* Wetzell



## \* SUMMARY OF THE LAW

“**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’**” Matthew 22:37-39

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Please greet or respond to one another: *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

# GOD’S WORD

‡CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rev. Dr. William Hawkins  
Hymn 188 *Jesus Loves Me*

‡THE LORD’S PRAYER p. 35  
Hymn 188 *Jesus Loves Me*  
*Jesus loves me this I know, as he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me.”*

## OFFERING *Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along your pew.*

In the pew racks are prayer cards to name someone in particular need of intercessory prayer. You are encouraged to provide the information and place the card in the offering plate.

Offertory *My Lord! What a Morning* African Am. spiritual  
Resurrection Singers

- \* Doxology 606
- \* Dedication of Pledges, Tithes, and Offerings

\* HYMN 786 *Why Stand So Far Away, My God?* Duck/1813

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Psalm 22:1-15 OT 500

ANTHEM *Be Strong in the Lord* Johnson/Fettke  
Resurrection Singers  
Cindy Sutton, piano; Winston Dixon, bass

SECOND LESSON Job 23:1-17 OT 471

SERMON *God’s Hiddenness* The Rev. Maren Sonstegard-Spray

# GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* Watts/Croft

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CEMC: Diana Jones, Sally McConnell

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Ashley Stroud by his family—  
Jackie, Rachel and James.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *First Pres Foundation* Jay Rishel  
Clayton Cheek

## PRAYER/† THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*A DECLARATION OF FAITH PCUSA 1977

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.  
**Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom  
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms.  
He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first.  
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom.  
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey  
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.  
No more than Christ are we spared  
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.  
We are in the world, but not of the world.  
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people  
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,  
but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom.  
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:  
to serve as he has served us;  
to take up our cross,  
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;  
to walk by faith, not by sight;  
to hope for what we have not seen. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI 581

# GO IN GOD’S NAME

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *Fugue on the “Kyrie”* Couperin