

Sunday Worship
June 17, 2018

We welcome you to worship.

Meditation in Preparation for Worship
“Bitterness imprisons life; love releases it.”
(Harry Emerson Fosdick)

Prelude/Introit “With a Voice of Singing” Martin Shaw

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship (Psalm 67:1-2) Responsively

Leader: “Let God grant us grace and bless us;

Congregation: Let God make his face shine on us,

Leader: So that your way becomes known on earth,

Congregation: So that your salvation becomes known among all the nations.”

***Hymn of Praise No. 420** Cwm Rhondda
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

***Opening Prayer**

First Scripture Reading (p. 683) Psalm 27:7-14

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments. We ask these things in the name of your son. ...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

“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.”

Commission Youth for Mission Trip

Time with the Children

Gathering Song: “This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made”

“This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice, I will rejoice

And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,

I will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.”

Going Song: “Jesus Loves Me”

“Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.”

*Children 3-years-old through Kindergarten are excused for Bible Bunch (Bible Bunch Rm)
Children in grades 1 through 5 are excused for Sunday School (Sunday School Room)*

Prayers of the People

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.”

The Ministry of The Church

(Please sign and pass the red friendship book.)

Offering . . . *“Freely we have received, freely let us give.”*

Offertory Anthem

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

Larry Shackley

“I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me.”

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

“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.”

***Affirmation of Faith**

1 John 4:11-16

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his spirit. We have seen and testify that the father has sent the son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God’s son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

Special Music

“How Can I Keep From Singing”
Zohari Concepcion-Byer and Alejandro Viera

arr. Richard Walters

“My life flows on in endless song:
Above earth’s lamentation,
I catch the sweet, tho’ far-off hymn,
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul--
How can I keep from singing?”

I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smoothes,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his--
How can I keep from singing?

What tho' my joys and comfort die?
The Lord my Saviour liveth;
What tho' the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smoothes,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his--
How can I keep from singing?"

Second Scripture Reading (p. 1363)

Acts 26:9-18

Message

“Living Without Shame”

Dr. Hood

***Hymn of Dedication No. 280**

Amazing Grace

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Toccata on Amazing Grace”

Christopher Pardini

*The congregation is invited to stand, if you are able.

The Church Bell is rung in loving memory of the fathers who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us pause to give thanks for all who have gone before us, who rest in the peace of God, thanking God for the Christian witness of their lives.

The **flowers** that beautify the Chancel this morning are given by Jerry and Dorothy Barding, in loving memory of Jerry's father, Ralph Barding.

Greeting You

East Door – Sam and Elise Sherer. West Door – Joan McGrath.

Gift to

Memorial Garden Fund from Donald and Karen Carter, in loving memory of Karen's father, John Loennecker.

Take Note

We are just **.6% shy from our \$3.5 million Capital Campaign Goal**; just \$19,412 away, having funds committed of \$3,480,588. In an effort to complete our Capital Campaign, a couple, who are members of our church, have issued a **Challenge Pledge to the congregation**. For every new pledge or pledge increase contributed to the Capital Campaign between Sunday, June 17th (Father's Day) and Sunday, September 30, 2018, they will contribute one dollar, up to 50% of the balance due to fully fund the Capital Campaign. So, if the congregation collectively contributes 50% (or more) of the remaining amount to be raised, they will contribute 50% (\$9,706 as of June 3rd). The goal is to complete the Capital Campaign within this year. *Thank you for your help to get us over the finish line.*

Youth Mission Trip: Please keep the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach youth and young adults, Jen Buce, Mindi Cole, Lizette Rapier, Justice Reeves, Serenity Reeves, Andrew Salmore, Tiel Villani, McKellan Welzbacher, McKnight Welzbacher, and their advisor, Rev. Greg Rapier, in your prayers as they travel to, work in, and return from Mobile, Alabama. Departing this Saturday and returning next Friday evening, they are driving to Mobile, Alabama and working with the Government Street Presbyterian Church at some community outreach programs.

In honor of Father's Day, chocolate kisses are being given to all of the men from the Deacons. Happy Father's Day.

Next Sunday, June 24th, we will be collecting the **"Pennies from Heaven" Offering**. Don't forget to bring your 5 cents per meal per person in your household to church so that we can help feed deserving hungry people.

Having a powerful resume will get you seen as well as get you through the front door at any company. Representing yourself powerfully on paper is not only a skill but an art form. The Employment Connections Ministry is presenting a workshop, **Powerful Resume Writing**, on **Thursday, June 28th at 7 p.m.** in the **Conference Room**. Space is limited so make your reservation by email (jobs.fpcdb@gmail.com), phone (561-276-6338) or on our website (www.firstdelray.com/care/employment-connections).

Sunday, July 1st, following the worship service, be the first to celebrate July 4th! You are invited to a **Church Family BBQ and Reception for Rev. Greg and Lizette Rapier** after church. Grilled burgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be provided. You will be invited to sign up for a side dish. RSVP on the website or in the Courtyard for this Super Cool Fun for the Family of God.

Join Doug and Grace Hood and Michael and Page Brown for a **Bible Land Exploration** from **November 13 to November 22, 2019**. This trip to Israel will expand our knowledge of the Bible and this sacred land. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus will change the way you read the Bible, and you will learn why scholars refer to it as the "Fifth Gospel". Brochures and registration forms are available on the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

For Our Younger Worshippers

Children's Worship Activities and Bibles are at the **Children's Table** in the **Covered Patio** for use during worship. Please return the clipboards and Bibles to the table after the service.

Our Ministry Develops Through



Free New Testament Bibles

First Presbyterian Church is a point of distribution of God's word in the **New Testament** at *no cost* to anyone who would like a copy. If you have not previously picked up a copy in the Narthex, you may do so this morning. If you know of people who would appreciate receiving a copy, please take copies to them. Join with your church in distributing God's word throughout our communities in Palm Beach County.

Connect with First Presbyterian Church

Please join us for **Fellowship Hour** in the **Narthex**, our time of fellowship, following the worship service.

Read **Doug Hood's weekly meditation** through our church website (www.firstdelray.com) under Resources. Don't forget to subscribe to his meditation so that you do not miss any of the postings.

Following the worship service, feel free to pick up a copy of **Doug Hood's *Heart and Soul, volume 2*** in the Narthex.

For those interested in taking notes during the worship service, a **Sermon Notes Page** is available in the Narthex.

Follow us on **Twitter** at @FPCDelrayBeach or tweet #FPCDBWORSHIP.

If you are a member of the church and need a **blue** First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach **parking sticker**, please contact Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com or 561-276-6338, ext. 10) or stop by the church office during the week.

Members who would like to receive **email notification of members' deaths and memorial services** should contact Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com). You will only be informed if the family has approved public notification.

If you would like to receive your **Spire Newsletter electronically**, please email Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com), text FPCDELRAYBEACH to 22828 (message and data rates may apply), or complete the online form on our website (www.firstdelray.com) under Resources.

Sunday Mornings

Please turn off your **cell phones and electronic devices** during the worship service.

Closed Circuit TV is available for viewing the worship service in the **Quiet Room**.

Children's Worship Activities and Bibles are at the **Children's Tables** in the **Covered Patio** for use during worship. Please return the clipboards and Bibles to the table after the service.

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Deacons.

Nursery Care for children from birth to Kindergarten is available from **9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** in the **Nursery**.

Please join us for **Fellowship Hour** in the **Narthex**, our time of fellowship, following the worship service.

Sunday Children's Programs

Bible Bunch Sunday School meets after the Children's Time during the **worship service**. Children 3 years old through Kindergarten should follow the class leaders to the **Bible Bunch Room**.

Summer Spectacular Sunday School for Children in grades 1st through 5th is exploring who God is with different workshops during the Sunday School time. Each Sunday will be a unique time of fun and faith led by different people in the church. Contact Grace Hood (561-276-6338, ext. 17 or gracehood@firstdelray.com) for more information.

Youth Fellowship

The Montreat Youth conference is **July 21st to 28th** for incoming 9th graders through graduating seniors in high school. The cost is \$400 per person. If you are interested contact Grace Hood (gracehood@firstdelray.com or 561-276-6338, ext. 17). Scholarships are available.

Weekly Education Program

All are invited to the **Thursday Morning Small Group** at **10 a.m.** in the **Meeting Room**. They will meet throughout the summer, reviewing Dr. Hood's Nurture Faith from the previous Sunday. Come and join them.

Music

The **Chancel Choir** rehearses in the **Choir Room** on **Sunday** mornings at **9:30 a.m.** to prepare for the worship service. If you would like to sing in the choir, you are invited to come and add your voice.

Holly House

Holly House Workshops meet on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** in the **Holly House** to work on beading, sewing, arts and crafts, floral design and knitting. Come join the camaraderie!

Looking for unique gifts and holiday décor? Come to the **Holly House** on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** morning from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** and see our newest creations. For more information contact Cindy Pemberton (561-276-6338).

Employment Connections Ministry – Career Shepherds

The **Employment Connections Ministry** is here to help and support unemployed persons and those whose career paths no longer seem fulfilling to find a more rewarding career or employment. Seeking employment can be lonely and sometimes overwhelming. Where to start? What goals to pursue? How to navigate? Career Shepherds are here to work with you on an individual basis to help you identify your strengths and talents, provide useful tools, and assist in guiding you throughout the process. We invite church members to join this exciting ministry by lending their expertise and availability to mentor or help for whatever time possible. Contact Dick Story (561-276-6338) or Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com or 561-276-6338, ext. 10) for more information.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship meets on **Thursday** mornings at **8:30 a.m.** in the **Coastal Room**. Bring a friend and enjoy the camaraderie. They are discussing the devotional book Uncommon Life by Tony Dungy. For more information, contact Hume Rennick (561-276-6338) or Bruce Gimmy (561-276-6338).

Church Membership Directory

The **Pictorial Church Membership Directory** is available online for members of the church. There are two ways to access the directory. You may visit our website (www.firstdelray.com) under Connect to request a password to access the membership directory to print or save to your computer. Or, you may view the directory by visiting www.instantchurchdirectory.com or downloading the free Instant Church Directory Member's App from the Apple Store, Google Play, or Amazon App Store. In order to gain access to the online directory through Instant Church Directory, you must register your account using the email address on file with the church. For issues with registering through Instant Church Directory, contact Nancy Fine (561-276-6338, ext. 10 or nancyfine@firstdelray.com).

Pennies from Heaven

Help First Presbyterian Church support the battle against hunger and poverty at home and away. **Pennies from Heaven** is a simple act of thanksgiving for what we have received and a commitment to share with others. Collect 5 cents per family member per meal each day. At the end of each month, bring your money to church and we will collect your "Pennies from Heaven" during the worship service. All monies collected are donated on a quarterly basis to local food programs as well as to regional and national hunger programs. We collected \$883.85 from the **April Offering**. Since September 2012, we have collected \$34,088.12. Our next collection is **next Sunday, June 24th**.

Financial Considerations

There is a very convenient way to **donate online** to First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange which is part of the 200+ year old Presbyterian Foundation and transfers your donation promptly. Visit the church website (www.firstdelray.com) under Give for more information and a link to our giving page.

Remember the Church When Estate Planning. Our Endowment and Remembrance Funds are two excellent opportunities for your giving consideration, be it your will, stocks, or as a named beneficiary to an insurance policy. This financially wise method of stewardship helps ensure the long-term financial stability of the church and provides a planned means for the church to continue its role in the lives of our members and those to whom we reach out, in our community and beyond. For more information on long-term giving, call the church office (561-276-6338).

On December 18, 2015, the President signed legislation indefinitely extending the **charitable IRA rollover provision** enabling IRA owners ages 70½ or older to make a direct, tax-free transfer to First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach or the charity of their choice. Certain limitations apply so please consult your tax adviser.

Membership

Are you interested in **joining our church**? If so, we would love to see you on **Sunday, July 1st** in the **Covered Patio immediately following the worship service**. In order to join, no reservations or classes are required for those who have been previously baptized.

Invite a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, or business associate to worship with us. Share your faith and love for Christ's Church with others.

If you are a **guest visiting us**, we invite you to participate in all of our worship services and activities.

Partners in Prayer

You are invited to participate in a six-week ministry of prayer called **Partners in Prayer for First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach Leaders**. This six-week ministry does *not* require attendance at any meetings. Participants receive a resource packet with the names of six church leaders. Simply, the ministry is a commitment to pray each day for one week for the same person. Each week for six weeks you will pray for a different church leader. At the beginning of each week you will write an encouraging note to that leader indicating that you are praying for him or her. Contact Nancy Fine (nancyfine@firstdelray.com or 561-276-6338, ext. 10) for a resource packet with all the details including sample notes, messages and prayers.

Prayer Ministry Team

The Prayer Ministry Team is taking a summer break. However, prayer requests that come through our worship services or through the church office are still distributed by the church office to the prayer ministry team for individual prayer. This includes concerns, thanksgiving, and praise. Each request is treated with respect, confidentiality, and caring. If a request includes a name and address, a card will be sent to confirm the group is praying for those concerns. You are **invited to join** this prayer ministry team simply by calling Sharon Koch (561-276-6338). She will be happy to provide additional information about this ministry and welcome you to participate.

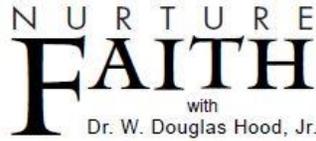
Prayer Concern Cards are in the pews. If you have a specific prayer concern, please complete a card and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Concerns are forwarded to members of the Prayer Ministry Team and pastoral staff.

Hospitalization

If you or a family member are **hospitalized**, please notify the church office (561-276-6338). Even if you give the name of the church upon admission, the hospital will not notify us.

Special Prayer List as of June 12th

Please keep our members and friends in your thoughts and prayers this week.



Which Voice Shall I Follow?

READ: 1 Samuel 3:6 (Common English Bible)

“Again the Lord called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, ‘I’m here. You called me?’”

REFLECT:

Here is a startling story of a young boy named Samuel who had trouble sleeping one night because of a voice that spoke to him from the darkness. Most of us know that story – a voice that comes to us in the darkness at that moment when we want nothing more than to sleep. The volume of the voice is usually immense. It is a clamorous tongue that disturbs the mind and stirs physical restlessness as we lay upon the mattress. For some, the voice that speaks addresses our personal finances, most often when our financial resources are running low and our commitments are racing in the opposite direction. For others, the voice reminds us of estranged relationships but offers no solutions for healing. Other voices that bombard the mind’s ear simply wish to generate anger at this or that political party and the absolute stupidity – or cruelty – of this or that policy out of Washington. Solutions rarely show-up in the darkness of the bedroom. Neither does sound sleep.

Here, young Samuel is lying down in the Lord’s temple. We know it is the night hour because fifteen verses later we are informed, “Samuel lay there until morning.” But Samuel will not sleep that night. Before his mind drifts off to restful sleep, Samuel hears a voice. It is the Lord’s voice but Samuel doesn’t know that – not in the beginning. He believes the voice belongs to his mentor, Eli. Three times Samuel hears the voice and three times Samuel disturbs Eli to inquire what it is Eli wants. It is the third time that Eli grows suspicious that this is more than Samuel’s imagination. Nor is Samuel simply hearing the whistle of the wind. Samuel is instructed to make inquiry if he hears the voice again; to say, “Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.” And the voice does return.

This is precisely the point that Samuel makes a rather dramatic shift from simply jumping from his bed at the sound of a voice to careful listening. Samuel restrains his natural impulse to a quick response and practices alert and intentional discernment of the content of the voice that speaks. There is much all of us can learn from this simple act – pausing long enough to sincerely listen to the voice we hear, particularly if that voice is unsettling to us. What would happen in our nation if Republicans and Democrats were to exercise restraint from the vitriolic impulse they have for one another? Imagine the surprise if Evangelicals and liberals in the Christian church ever truly listened to one another. What might any of us discover in the darkness of the night if we calmly listened to all that unsettles us – personal finances, relationship difficulties, or concern for the health of those we love – and then, rather uncommonly, invited another voice to the conversation, “Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.”

At any moment of the day or night there are voices that clamor for our attention. Some voices long for an impulsive response from us, usually a response that multiplies anger and hurt and fears among those we know and love. Perhaps a voice asks from us indignation and puerile criticism of another point of view. The only contribution that voice makes is increased brokenness in an already broken world. Do not trust these voices. But Samuel’s story shows us another way. Eli counsels Samuel to “listen” rather than “jump” at the sound of the voice. If we listen, and listen with humility and civility and respect, what we will discover is that the voices that clamor for an impulsive response will scatter and one will remain. It will be the loveliest voice of all. It will be a voice that asks patience and love. Trust that voice. Ponder it. Respond to it. It will be then that you have in your heart neither doubt nor fear.

This Week: June 17th through June 21st

Sunday, June 17th

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Nursery Care – Nursery
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room
10 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
10 a.m. Bible Bunch Sunday School – Bible Bunch Room
10 a.m. Sunday School (1st – 5th grades) – Sunday School Room
11 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Narthex

Tuesday, June 19th

9:30 a.m. Holly House Workshop – Holly House
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting – Dr. Hood’s Study
6 p.m. Trustee Meeting – Meeting Room

Thursday, June 21st

8:30 a.m. Men’s Fellowship – Coastal Room
9:30 a.m. Holly House Workshop – Holly House
10 a.m. Thursday Morning Small Group – Meeting Room
6:30 p.m. Community Summer Handbell Ensemble – Bell Room

