

Sunday Worship
July 15, 2018

We welcome you to worship.

Meditation in Preparation for Worship

*“Listening to other people’s needs is listening to God.
Noticing simple, natural beauty, hearing music,
even confronting the challenge of pain and problems –
that can all be listening to God too.”
(Peter Kreeft)*

Prelude “Invocation” Richard Ross

Introit Piano Improvisation and Hymn

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship (Psalm 86:11-12) Responsively

Leader: “Teach me your way Lord, so that I can walk in your truth.

Congregation: Make my heart focused only on honoring your name.

Leader: I give thanks to you, my Lord, my God,

Congregation: With all my heart, and I will glorify your name forever.”

***Hymn of Praise No. 461** Abbot’s Leigh

“God Is Here!”

***Opening Prayer**

First Scripture Reading (p. 1207) Matthew 25:31-40

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 Rm)*

Commissioning of New Members

Presentation

Alexis Aime, Phillip Aime, and Beth Braswell.

Covenant Questions and Promises

To the new members: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you, as a believer in Jesus Christ and as a member of this church, act out your faith in the world, in your work and in your family?

I will.

Do you covenant to be an active member of this church through your life in the world and support of this church?

I do.

To the congregation: As a congregation, will you support these new members with your encouragement and your prayers, as together we seek to call upon and praise God?

We will, God being our help. May God give us all grace to share ministry together that Christ may be glorified in this place.

Charge by the Pastor

Welcoming Prayer

Hymn of Welcome

“Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.”

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

“A Covenant Prayer”
(Text by John Wesley)

Dan Forrest

“I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
I am no longer my own, but thine.

Let me be employed for thee, or laid aside for thee,
Let me be exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal, and now,
O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine.
So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in Heaven. Amen.”

***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**

Confession of Belhar, 1986, (10.2, 10.5c, 10.9b-c)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. We believe Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Special Music

Tom Fettke

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

“When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers.

The moon and stars suspended in space.

Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,

And made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name,

Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we.

Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia!”

Second Scripture Reading (p. 341)

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Message

“The Unexpected Voice”

Pastor Rapier

***Hymn of Dedication No. 426**

Canonbury

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Hymn Improvisation”

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

The Church Bell is rung in loving memory of Clint (1914 – 1998) and Gregory (1946 – 2009) Weber. Prior to Sunday morning worship, the bell from our original Sanctuary is rung in memory of those interred in our Memorial Garden. 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 Piper, Parker, Kendall, and baby Reid, and all the Mays family, in loving memory of their great Pop-Pop, Joe W. Mays, Sr.

Greeting You

East Door – Max Paul. West Door – Tara Paul.

Our Condolences

are extended to the family of Harrold “Bus” Chaney, upon his death on July 8, 2018. Plans for a Memorial Service are pending.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have recently lost loved ones.

Gift to

Operating Fund from Robert and Leslie Weinstein, in honor of Sylvia Garner.

Take Note

Capital Campaign pledges reach the goal of \$3.5 million! Exciting news that we recently achieved this in early July 2018. To be at the final mark is an amazing accomplishment and everyone in our congregation should be proud and thanked as we had a 90 % + participation rate. We now have \$3.5M in pledges, and we are less than \$200,000 away from collecting all of it, as many made a pledge on the three year plan which ends later this year. Our debt on this project is very low, and assuming the pledges come in as planned, we expect to be debt-free again as a church by January 1, 2019. If you have made a pledge and are able to finish off your fulfillment of such pledge, it will put us at our goal of full collection.

Montreat Youth Conference – please keep the High School Youth, Harrison Calder, Devin Dykstra, Liz Landes, Justice Reeves, and Andrew Salmore, and their advisors, Grace Hood, Pastor Greg Rapier, Lissette Rapier, and Amanda Tidmore in your prayers as they travel to, participate in, and return from the Montreat Youth Conference.

Sunday, August 5th, following the worship service, you are invited to join us for a **Summer Salad Social Potluck**. You will be invited to sign up to bring your favorite salad or dessert. **RSVP** on the website or in the Narthex for this Super Cool Fun for the Family of God.

Body language is a human’s primary source of communication and many of us have no idea how it may influence an employer interviewing you. The Employment Connections Ministry is presenting a workshop, **Learn Key Body Language Skills to Create Positive Results**, next **Thursday, July 26th 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).

The beautiful **Chancel flowers** we enjoy in the Sanctuary, during the worship service, are donated in honor of or memory of loved ones. The donor and the loved ones are remembered in the Sunday bulletin. The cost of two arrangements is \$50. If two families want flower arrangements on the same Sunday, the cost can be shared. The donor may select the recipients for the arrangements or the Deacons can be designated to deliver the flowers to shut-ins. If you would like to order flowers, contact Linda Prior (561-276-6338).

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.

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 items? Holly House has lovely summer flower arrangements, cork and shell wreaths, and decorations for the coastal home. Stop by the **Holly House** on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** to see the newest creations. For more information contact Cindy Pemberton (561-276-6338).

Men's Fellowship

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

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 \$343.73 from the **June Offering**. Since September 2012, we have collected \$34,431.85. Our next collection is on **Sunday, July 29th**.

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, August 5th** 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 July 10th

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

The following is a repeat of Dr. Hood's Meditation from November 2016.

What Love Requires

READ: Matthew 5:13 (Common English Bible)

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet."

REFLECT:

In his biography of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, James Traub unfolds the life of a man who was plainspoken, simple in his wants, and a person of deep Christian faith. Adams lived according to principles he considered self-evident and never seemed hesitant to sacrifice self-interest for the sake of those principles. He was only nine years old when the United States was birthed as a nation. As he grew and matured, Adams became imbued with the conviction that the United States was the greatest experiment in government the world had ever known. So complete was his identification with that government, Adams never flinched at either the prospect of death or the, "wreckage of his career, so long as he believed that service to the nation required it."ⁱ

When Jesus declares, "You are the salt of the earth," he is not extending to us a compliment, though that is how this comment has become commonly used. What Jesus seeks are people who so identify with the purposes of God that they are prepared to sacrifice anything – including their lives – if service to God's divine purposes required it. Jesus does not hold back or seek to soften his message; Jesus is warning us that following him comes with the costly expectation that we will be "all in." Here, in his Sermon on the Mountain, Jesus lays down a challenge. The challenge is to adopt the conviction of John Quincy Adams that does not flinch at the call to be used by God to further the purposes of God's kingdom.

This is where Jesus' message becomes hard. Within each of us are forces that strive for self-preservation. But, if we are not prepared to lose ourselves for advancing God's work in the world, Jesus is clear, we are "good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet." Essentially, Jesus announces that if we fail to be driven by the same convictions that drove John Quincy Adams, then the reason for our existence in Jesus' ministry to the world ceases. We are as useless to Jesus as the dust under our soles. That message was deeply disturbing to some. Little wonder why people left Jesus in droves. What he taught was too demanding.

No one makes a financial investment if they are not deeply committed to seeing that investment grow. The same is true of relationships. Meaningful relationships are demanding. If there is absent any conviction of long-term value, or a commitment to the well-being of the other, a relational investment isn't made. Yet, right here in this teaching, Jesus seeks an investment from us. For everyone who accepts his invitation, the investment will be costly. That is why our faith and love for Jesus is crucial. Unless it is nurtured regularly, the cost of what Jesus asks may seem too high. But for those who pay attention to Jesus, they will see that we are called to be "the salt of the earth" because Jesus was first, salt for us – even giving his own life on a cross because our life required it of him.

ⁱJames Traub, **John Quincy Adams: Militant Spirit** (New York: Basic Books, 2016), xi.

This Week: July 15th through July 19th

Sunday, July 15th

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, July 17th

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

Thursday, July 19th

8:30 a.m. Men’s Fellowship – Conference Room
9:30 a.m. Holly House Workshop – Holly House
10 a.m. Thursday Morning Small Group – Meeting Room

