

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We warmly welcome all who worship with us today. Please fill out the Connection Card. Visitors, please provide your address so we may acknowledge your presence.

We welcome children to our services. We provide a “playground” for them, hoping they will worship with families until the Time with the Children, then they may stay at the table and do activities during the sermon. Parents may sit close to the pew, or at the table with their child. After the sermon, children can return to the pew and finish worship with their families, or they may stay at the table.

Fully accessible restrooms are just across from the lift on the lower level of the church. A second restroom is behind the sanctuary on the upper level (out the right-side door and left down the little hallway). All restrooms are equipped with changing tables.

Please wear your name badge every Sunday as a courteous and welcoming gesture.

Presbyterians believe that God calls people into this particular faith community to bring gifts that we need. If you feel called by God to serve and be served by First Presbyterian and would like to join, please contact the pastor. You and your gifts will be welcome here!

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of my parents, Leon and Joyce Shive, by Sharmaine Robinson.

Greeters: Amanda and Sara Denny, Boyd Weiss  
Ushers: Dale, Jacob, & Emily Hendershot, Judy Dondey  
Counters: Rob Riedmiller, John Weirich  
Secure Building: Rob Riedmiller

Birthdays: Kathy Hargash, 10/9; Carl Armitage, 10/12.

*Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!*  
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Blessing Flow*  
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*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing*  
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# First Presbyterian Church

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in



Ordinary Time

Welcome & Announcements  
Minute for Mission

October 8, 2017  
PATH Luncheon

10:00 a.m.  
Bob Schrey

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY TO WORSHIP GOD

The asterisk indicates standing in body or spirit

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST COMES TO US

Molly Hornkohl

PRELUDE

"Prelude in D minor, BWV554"

J. S. Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

(from Psalm 19, *The Message*)

One: The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together.

**All: The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.**

One: The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy.

**All: Let us worship the God of life and love!**

\*OPENING HYMN

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

(Sung to "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee")

**Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;**

**By whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.**

**Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;**

**May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs and praise!**

**Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:**

**Light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.**

**Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;**

**Images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.**

**Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim;**

**May our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name.**

**Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might;**

**Awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Almighty and all-loving God,**

**You call us as your people, offering a full and free relationship with you and with each other. We hesitate because the idea of living for you (and not for ourselves) is hard to wrap our heads around. Forgive us for putting ourselves first, for**

keeping our brothers and sisters at a distance because the demands of relationship are too heavy, for keeping you at a distance because we are afraid of what might be asked of us.

*(Consider what you put between you and God as silence is kept.)*

\*KYRIE            **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**            #565

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope,  
this is God's word of grace:

**All: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.**

**This gift we receive from God. Thanks be to God! Amen!!**

\*JOYFUL RESPONSE            "Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!"            Sung to #517

**Sing praises now God's people, your gift of speech employ  
To praise the Lord, your maker, with thankfulness and joy!  
Sing with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise,  
"To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!"**

\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.    **All: And also with you.**

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MUSICAL OFFERING            "Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God"            G. Young

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION            David thor Straten-Mohr

FIRST LESSON            Psalm 19:7-14            Pew Bible pg. #488

SECOND LESSON            Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20            Pew Bible pg. #65

One: The Word of the Lord.    **All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON            "Don't Talk to Us..."            Rev. Beth Utley

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH            from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept**

**lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

\*HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION            "Guide My Feet"            #354

THE GIVING OF SELF, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY            "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"            arr. Albin C. Whitworth

\*RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE            "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"            #592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Accept these gifts from your people, O God. Use them to break down barriers that keep us from living and serving in ways that reflect your Kingdom. Multiply their impact and make us ever more generous with what we have been given. Amen.**

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.**

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN OF CONSECRATION            "O God, Who Gives Us Life"            (See Insert)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE            "I Come With Joy" (v. 5)            #507

**Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
And as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His praise.  
We'll live and speak His praise.**

\*POSTLUDE            "Voluntary in C Major"            Samuel Jackson