

Morning Worship—October 15, 2017

19th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

PRELUDE “Fugue in D Minor” Johann Pachelbel

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the family of God, let us adore God,

People: whose power created the universe and sustains our world

Leader: Let us sing God’s praises,

People: whose mercy blots out our sin.

Leader: Let us lift up our hearts in thanksgiving to God,

People: whose goodness blesses us with countless gifts of love.

Leader: Friends, let us joyfully worship God, who in Christ Jesus comes to redeem our lives.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 356** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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, We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The truth about us is hard to receive,

People: but it is spoken with boundless love.

Leader: God’s judgement is just

People: but Christ has taken our place and died for our sins.

Leader: Friends, in Christ we are forgiven.

People: Mercy abounds!

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri (579) GREATOREX, 1851
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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND SPECIAL OFFERING

Offering in Music “Amazing Grace” arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology 591 OLD HUNDREDTH

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Nicole Bracey

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

ANTHEM “God of Mercy, God of Grace” Jerry Davidson

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

LESSONS (page 750/788) John 1:1-18

SERMON “Grace and Truth” Rev. Allen Thompson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14) 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.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP** (Insert) “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE 366, stanza no. 1 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE “Voluntary in F” by John Bennett

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Esley Rzbzeca Hill and Christopher MacCorkle Hill by their grandparents, Sam and Becky Mzadzema.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Ken Brewer, Bill Brown, Mary Bray (Jarrod Brown’s Aunt), Claire Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox’s sister-in-law), Charles & Lib Cuttle, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Dianne East, Marilyn East, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson’s sister), Tim Hooker, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Bill Lorimer, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Rhoda Neal, Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther’s son-in-law), Nancy Poindexter (Jarrod Brown’s aunt), Judy Poythress (Mike Reynolds’ sister), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Tom West **ON THE MEND**--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Kelvin Gunn, Mike Lewis (Tom and Ava Barrett’s son-in-law), Erica Mann, Archer McIntire, Lee Norman, Mack Williams, John Rodgers (Jackson Weller’s Uncle), Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman

All are invited to our Church Picnic Sunday TODAY at 4:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and dessert. The fun and fellowship will be at Frank & Paige Wiseman’s, 752 Pine Lake Rd.



We look forward to a special celebration of Reformation Sunday as we are joined by the Scottish Society on Sunday Oct. 29th. Get your Reformation Sunday Luncheon Tickets today! Tickets will be available in the juice room Oct. 15th & 22nd and are \$6.

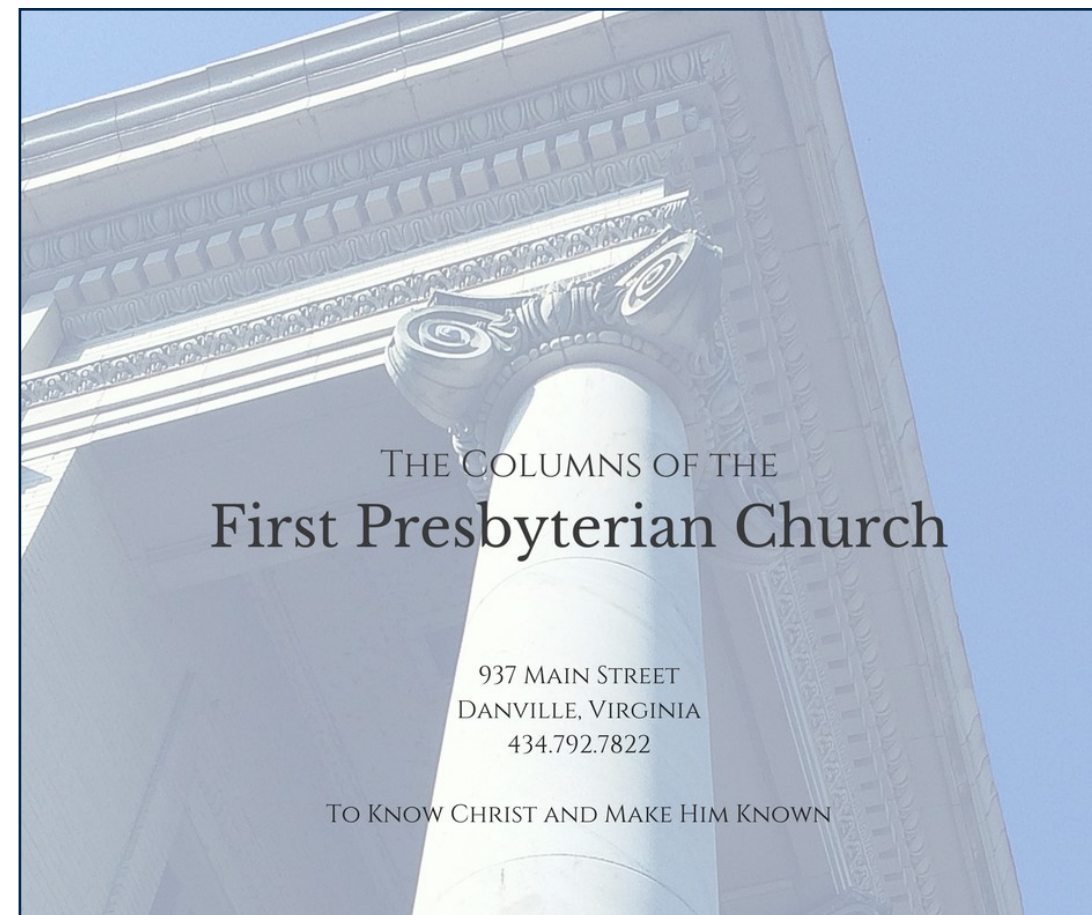
Join us for our community Prayer Service, tomorrow Monday October 16th at 7 p.m. We will be praying for our mental health community.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	Harriet Beale
Children’s Sunday School	Karan Johnson/Gwen Baucom
Elders at Front Door	T. Barrett
Friendship Period	M.L. Crane/Beale
Deacon to Receive Offering	Jeanne Nostrandt
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Jarrod Brown
Time for Young Disciples	Nicole Bracey
Sound System	David Parris
Ushers	Team 3
Flower Ministry	Day Circle
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Oct. 21	D. Zook/Westover Baptist

Sign up or call the office today for our Wednesday Family Night Supper. We will be having Lasagna, salad, bread and a tasty dessert. October 18th at 6 p.m. The program will be from the finance committee.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, October 16

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Day School Committee
 7:00 p.m. Community Prayer Service

TUESDAY, October 17

5:15 p.m. Handbells

WEDNESDAY, October 18

6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper

THURSDAY, October 19

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, October 20

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, October 21

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
 11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, October 22

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
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 Mid & High School, Rm 112
 Outlook Class, Rm 322
 Bible Fellowship, Library
 Seekers, Rm 109
 11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
 Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS