

Morning Worship—July 16, 2017

6th 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 “Toccata” Robert Thygeron

INTROIT “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” Mack Williams, soloist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is here to receive our praise.

People: God is worthy of our adoration.

Leader: God is here to receive our confession.

People: God is near to the brokenhearted.

Leader: God is here to transform our minds and hearts.

People: Let us joyfully worship God.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 263** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Some say it is good works that put us right with God.

People: We believe it is amazing grace.

Leader: Some claim that we must measure up to be acceptable to God.

People: We believe in the profound mercy of God.

Leader: Some say our salvation depends on what we do.

People: We believe God is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Leader: Friends, let us celebrate the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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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

Offering in Music “This Is My Father’s World” arr. Dale Wood

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

Joyce Perez

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 “The Old Rugged Cross” George Bennard

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, show us Your ways and teach us Your paths. By Your Holy Spirit, open our minds that we may be led in Your truth and taught Your will. Then may we praise You by listening to Your Word and by obeying it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSONS (page 692/729) Matthew 14:22-36

SERMON “The Risks of Faith” Rev. Allen Thompson

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

***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** “It Is Well With My Soul”

BENEDICTION 604 “Song of Simeon”

POSTLUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. Alice Jordan


Special thanks to Kathy Northen for leading us in music this morning.

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, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Mary Bray (Jarrod Brown’s Aunt), Claire Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox’s sister-in-law), Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Bill Erwin, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson’s sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Mike Lewis (Tom and Ava Barrett’s son-in-law), Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Thelma 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), John Rodgers (Jackson Weller’s Uncle), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terribery, Corbet and Emily Weller, Tom West

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Gwen Baucom, Martha Bell, Kelvin Gunn, Grace Litzenberg, Erica Mann, Lee Norman, Russell Vandiver




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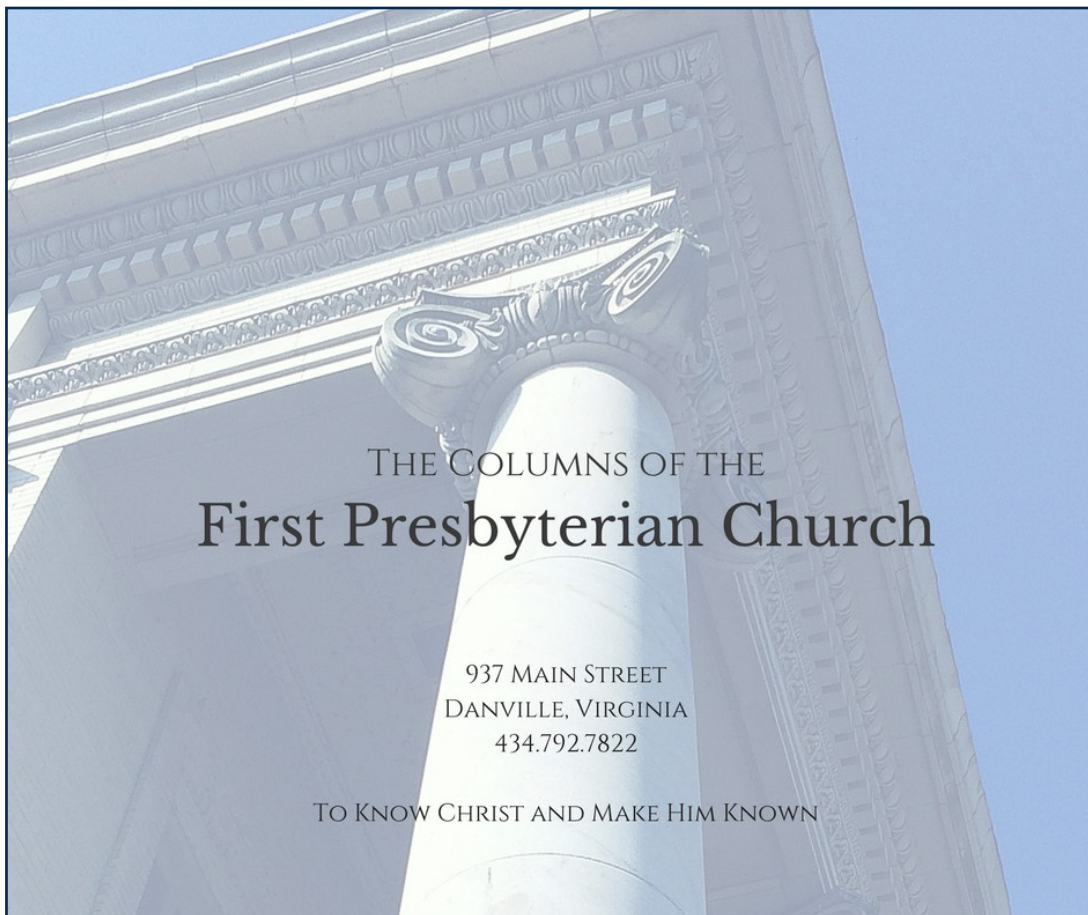
Community Prayer Service in honor of Public Works Employees
July 17 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Choir Robe Donations
We are more than 80% of the way to our goal of 20 new choir robes and stoles. **Thank you for your generosity!** Please consider giving to the **choir robe fund**. Our current robes are more than 40 years old, so they are in desperate need of replacing. If you would like to contribute, you can make a donation of any amount and write **Choir Robes** in the memo line of your check. We would like to order ASAP so that robes can arrive in time for Advent season. Please contribute as you are led to this project.



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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

SERVING TODAY

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| Nursery/Sunday School | Diane Shelton & Kim Clifton |
| Children’s Sunday School | Kathy Dolianitis |
| Elders at Front Door | Carolyn Baker & Kathy Machado |
| Friendship Period | Bob Newnam |
| Deacon to Receive Offering | Gary Wimer, Harriet Beale |
| Officers to Count Offering | Harriet Beale |
| Church School Superintendent | Kile/Barrett |
| Liturgist | Gail Davis |
| Time for Young Disciples | Joyce Perez |
| Sound System | Joyce Perez |
| Ushers | C. B. Strange |
| Flower Ministry | Team 3 |
| Weekend Custodian | Outlook Bible Class |
| Childcare Specialists | Ron Tanner |
| Saturday Lunch Ministry July 22 | Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler |
| | Tom Barrett, Jarrod Brown |

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

- MONDAY, July 17**
9 a.m. Day School
10 a.m. Staff Meeting
7 p.m. Community Prayer Service
- TUESDAY, July 18**
- WEDNESDAY, July 19**
9 a.m. Day School
6 p.m. Youth
- THURSDAY, July 20**
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

- FRIDAY, July 21**
All Day Church Office Closed
- SATURDAY, July 22**
10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry
- SUNDAY, July 23**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
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