

First Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship
July 31, 2016

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: "Prelude in G Major" J. S. Bach

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, God is our refuge and strength.

People: A present help in time of trouble.

Leader: God is our good Shepherd.

People: With us in the valleys of the shadow of death.

Leader: God is our sure foundation.

People: Against all the storms of life.

Leader: Let us joyfully worship God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 398** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners.

People: He bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Leader: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us;

People: Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Leader: Believe in the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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, amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music "God Is Our Light" Ray Hayes, solo

*Doxology (page 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 Rhoda Neal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Richard Peek

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 12:1-19 (780/820-1)

SERMON "Covert By The Spirit" Rev. Thompson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 211** "Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place"

BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 586** "Three-fold Amen"

POSTLUDE "The Angelus" Gordon Young

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	Brannon Blount
Combined Children's Sunday School	Rebecca Atkinson & Chris Moore
Elder at Front Door	Hampton Wilkins
Friendship Period	Marie-Louise Crane, Mike Reynolds, Bob Newnam
Deacon to Receive Offering	Kent Shelton
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Kile
Flower Distribution	Outlook Class
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Becky Meadema
Time for Young Disciples	Rhoda Neal
Sound System	Sam Meadema
Lunch Ministry August 6	Kent Shelton & Mike Reynolds

"Be Thou My Vision"

**"Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light."**

**"Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always:
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art."**

**"High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all."**

Praise God for Last Sunday

Sunday School Attendance----- 31
Worship Attendance----- 86
Tithes & Offerings-----\$5625.40

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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—Kevin Bailey, Anne Banks, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Nelson R. Clark, Jay Covington (Jean White's nephew), Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Ronnie Dinkle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, R. L. Clifton, W. J. “Buck” Collins, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Conner Jones, the family of Kaye Keesee, Chris Kile, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Susan Mathena, Jake McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, Greg Nunley, Richard Russell (Ina Ingram's brother), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman, Condolences to the family of Adjowa Kassa on the passing of her father, Cornelius Kassa

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Robert Brooks, Reva Goss, Kelvin Gunn, Glenda Hyde, Ina Ingram, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Barbara Newnam, Ken Obye, Diane Shelton, Melva Sweeney, Jean White

Our **Summer Ladies' Bible Study** sessions will be held at 2:00 pm, in the Westminster Room the following Mondays:

August 8 Carolyn Baker - Bathsheba

August 22 Nancy Wilson - Abigail

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

Wednesday **chapel services** will resume Wednesday, August 3 at 12:15 p.m. Jackson Weller will lead this service.

All are invited for our church's **Ice Cream Social** on Wednesday, August 24. Come and enjoy ice cream with all the fixin's and a **movie**. We have a double feature so you can choose one or come to both. At 5 p.m.

we'll show *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* and at 7 p.m. *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*. Please let us know if we need to reserve you an ice cream.



Thanks,
The Membership Committee



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONDAY, August 1

9:00 a.m. Day School
9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, August 2

6:00 p.m. Deacons
7:00 p.m. Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, August 3

9:00 a.m. Day School
12:15 p.m. Chapel
6:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, August 4

5:30 p.m. Church Choir

FRIDAY, August 5

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, August 6

10:45 a.m. Lunch Ministry Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, August 7

YOUTH SUNDAY

9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
Mid & High School, Rm 112
Bible Fellowship, Library
Outlook Class, Rm 322
Seekers, Rm 109
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 Sun. Sch.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

THE SESSION

2016 Barry Cutright Ina Ingram Hampton Wilkins Thor Wright	2017 Tom Barrett Brenna Takata Gary Wimer David Zook	2018 Eddie Blount Gene Hayes Bob Newnam Joan Reynolds
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THE DIACONATE

2016 Marie-Louise Crane Susan Mathena John Parris	2017 David Parris Mike Reynolds Kent Shelton Becky Meadema	2018 Ava Barrett Harriet Beale Kathy Dolianitis David Swann
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Celebrating 189 Years of Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

Welcome

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting, we invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in Dunglinson-Roberts Hall.