

Morning Worship—September 10, 2017

14th 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 in E minor” Johann Pachelbel

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us assemble together as the Church of Jesus Christ.

People: *Let us celebrate the triumph of grace,*

Leader: And give thanks for the generosity of love divine.

People: *Let us joyfully worship God!*

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 439** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

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: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the World,

People: *but to be its Savior.*

Leader: We can trust God’s Word.

People: *We are a forgiven people. 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

Offering in Music “Above All” 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 Tom Gillespie

A MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Marie-Louise Crane

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 “I Am the Vine” by Robert Lau

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 764/803) John 15:1-17

SERMON “Cut Clean for Jesus” 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 314** “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

BENEDICTION 540, stanza 1 “God Be With You Till We Met Again”

POSTLUDE “There Is a Balm in Gilead” arr. E. T. Rogers



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), Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson’s sister), Tim Hooker, Bruce Hopson, 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, 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), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberly, Tom West

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Dominic Barbacci (Jay & Bunny Hayes’s Grandson) Martha Bell, Kelvin Gunn, Mike Lewis (Tom and Ava Barrett’s son-in-law), Grace Litzenberg, Erica Mann, Archer McIntire, Lee Norman, Mack Williams, John Rodgers (Jackson Weller’s Uncle), Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman

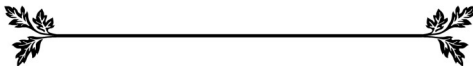
Don’t forget the Men’s Breakfast
 Sat. Sept. 16th at 8:00 a.m.
 Join us for great food and fellowship

Sunday Sept. 17th Picnic after Church
 Church will provide hotdogs, chips, sides.
 We ask you to bring a dessert to share.
 Give a head count to Jackson by Sept. 14th

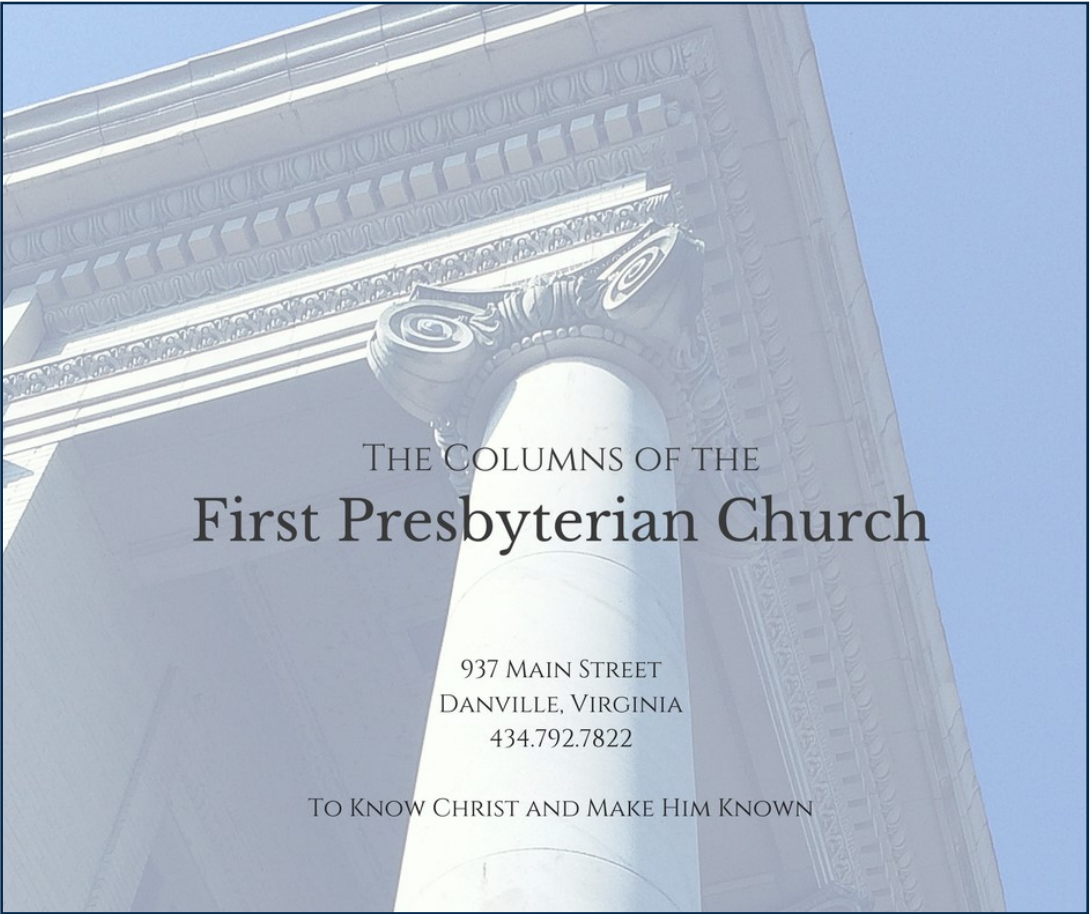
Make plans to attend to attend our Stewardship Dinner to be held Wed. Sept. 20th at 6:00 p.m. The delicious meal will be free of charge, but we need a head count –so please call the office 792-7822 or contact John Parris (johnparrissr@gmail.com) or 793-9239 to sign up. This year’s theme is “Bearing Fruit: Using our talents” , it will be an exciting program so make plans to attend today!

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	Ava Barrett
Children’s Sunday School	Kathy Dolianitis/Helper Lisa & Lia Argyrakis
Elders at Front Door	G. Wimer
Friendship Period	B. Meadema
Deacon to Receive Offering	Jarrod Brown
Officers to Count Offering	Team Barrett
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Ray Beale
Time for Young Disciples	Tom Gillespie
Sound System	Dick Stoakley
Ushers	Team 2
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Sept. 16	M. Reynolds/Unity Presbyterian



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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

**THIS WEEK AT
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

- MONDAY, September 11**
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 10:00 a.m. PW C.Council, Rm 108
 11:00 a.m. VIP
 12:30 p.m. PW Day Cir. Rm 108
 7:00 p.m. PW Evening Cir. At Home of S. Mathena
 700 Stream Way
- TUESDAY, September 12**
 6:15 p.m. Handbells
 7:00 p.m. Sessions
- WEDNESDAY, September 13**
 6:00 p.m. **No Youth**

THURSDAY, September 14
 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, September 15
 All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, September 16
 10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
 11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, September 17
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 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