

Morning Worship—September 23, 2018

18th 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.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

PRELUDE “Toccata in E minor” by J. Pachelbel

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 1)

Leader: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

People: They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.

Leader: : For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

People: May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE 304** “Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All wise and understanding God hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. Ambition controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder. We are victims of selfishness that distorts your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends; save us for Christ, in whom alone abides peace.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. “For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross.”

People: In the peace that Christ won abides our assurance of pardon.

***GLORIA PATRI (579)** GREATOR EX, 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Joyce Perez

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON (855/898) James 3:13-4:3,7-8

ANTHEM “Write Your Blessed Name” by K. Lee Scott

GOSPEL LESSON (715/752) Mark 9:30-37

SERMON “Flipping Faith” Dr. John McDonald

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (See Apostles’ Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 391 “Take My Life”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (See pew insert)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music “Above All” arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology 591 OLD HUNDRETH

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

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 555** “Now Thank We All Our God”

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 537** “Farewell, Good Friends”

POSTLUDE “More Like the Master” arr. Roger

chapel.

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— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), Amy Bracey, Lisa Brown, Nelson Clark, Charles Cuttle, Lib Cuttle, Matthew Dolianitis, Dianne East, Dianne Hottenstein (S. Mathena), Martha Jo Hodges, Gail Jones, Beth Landfair (John’s mother), Bill Landfair (J. McDonald’s step father), Ellen McDonald (John’s wife), Dana Overstreet,(S. Mathena), Freel Shipe (J. McDonald’s father-in-law), Ella Ryan, Jim Turner, Tom West

ON THE MEND— Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ mother), Mary Ann Shelton, Mack Williams, Nultie Wiseman

The congregation is cordially invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Nancy R. Schomer to Joshua A. Clayton on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

We will have a congregational meeting on Sept. 30th to vote on our new slate of officers. Please plan on attending our worship services Sept. 30th.

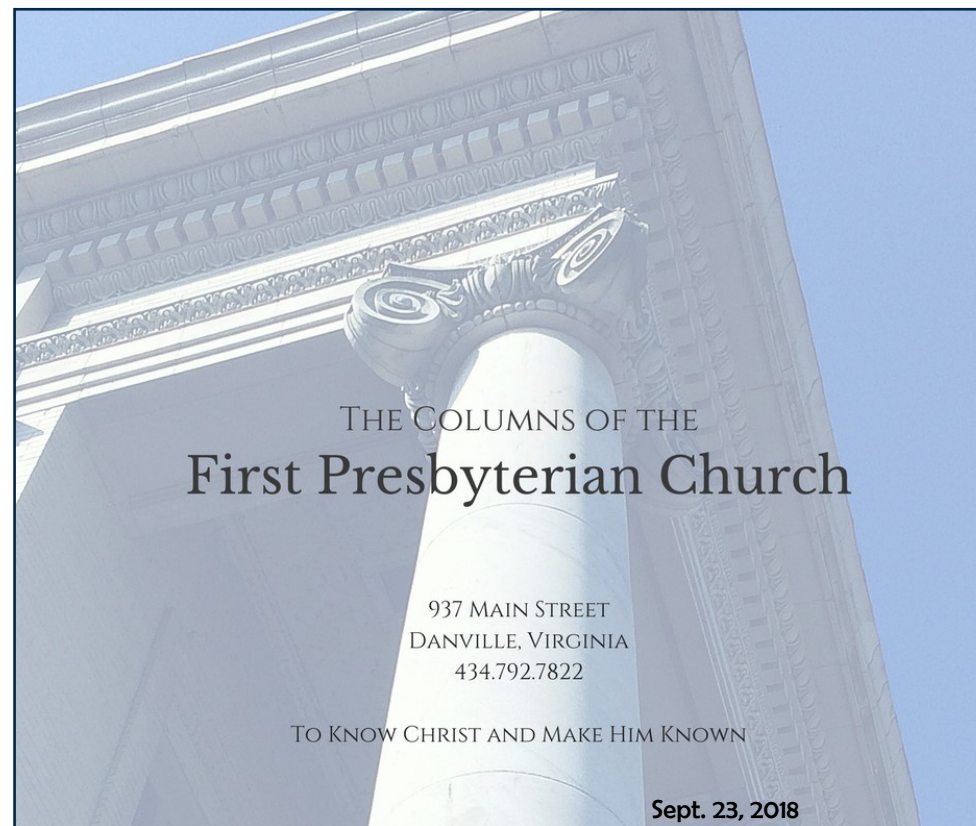
We want to know what you think! To make sure we get everyone’s opinion, Joyce Perez will be surveying the congregation via Survey Monkey for those of you who receive emails from the church. If you would prefer to fill out a paper survey, see the church office or contact Joyce at 336-430-0018 & she can mail you one.

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	B. Takata
Children’s Sunday School	R. Atkinson/C. Moore
	S.Weller/J. Stowe
Elders at Front Door	B. Wilson
Security & Side Door	B. Newnam
Visitation	D. Swann
Deacon to Receive Offering	Marie-Louise Crane
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	J. Perez
Time for Young Disciples	J. Perez
Sound System	S. Meadema
Ushers	Team 4
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Asst. Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Sept. 29th	F. Baker/S. Mathena
Saturday Lunch Attendance 9/15	48

You are invited to a “Take #2 Reception” for Nevrez Akin’s Paintings at the Danville Museum of Fine Arts & History Sunday Sept. 30th from 2:30 –4:30 p.m. Please come out and support this event. Their paintings will be displayed until Oct. 14th.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, September 24

9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m.	CE Comm.

TUESDAY, September 25

5:15 p.m.	Handbells
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WEDNESDAY, September 26

5:00 p.m.	PNC Comm.
6:00 p.m.	Youth

THURSDAY, September 27

5:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
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FRIDAY, September 28

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, September 29

10:45 a.m.	Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m.	Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, September 30

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
Noon	Fellowship