

Morning Worship—September 9, 2018

16th 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

PRELUDE “Praeludium” by J. S. Bach

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Proverbs 2)

Leader: Incline your ear and hear my words, and apply your mind to my teaching.

People: It will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.

Leader: So that your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today.

People: The rich and poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE 482** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, Giver of mercy, in Christ’s name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness, and fill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Remember that “As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

People: So live as free people, abounding in the hope of the gospel, for in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

***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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Tom Gillespie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Spirit, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON (854/897) James 2:1-10,14-17

ANTHEM “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Richard Peek

GOSPEL LESSON (713/749) Mark 7:24-37(Dr. McDonald)

SERMON “Christianity 101” Dr. John McDonald

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Second Helvetic Confession sections 5.118-119 PCUSA Book of Confessions)**

Therefore, although we teach with the apostle that a human being is justified by grace through faith in Christ and not through any good works, yet, we do not think that good works are of little value and condemn them. We know that humanity was not created or regenerated through faith in order to be idle, but rather that without ceasing they should do those things which are good and useful. For in the good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them, and again; “Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people for his own who are zealous for good deeds.” We therefore condemn all who despise good works and who babble that they are useless and that we do not need to pay attention to them.

Nevertheless, as was said above, we do not think that we are saved by good works, and that they are so necessary for salvation that no one was ever saved without them. For we are saved by grace and the favor of Christ alone. Works necessarily proceed from faith. And salvation is improperly attributed to them, but is most properly ascribed to grace. The apostle’s sentence is well known: “If it is by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. But if it is of works, then it is no longer grace, because otherwise work is no longer work.

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

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

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music “Together In Jesus” arr. Bruce Greer
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

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT 357** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE “Lead On, O King Eternal” arr. E. T. Rogers

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Pat Bolt, and her birthday by her daughter, Lisa Bolt.

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, Martha Jo Hodges, Beth Landfair (John’s mother), Bill Landfair (J. McDonald’s step father), Ellen McDonald (John’s wife), 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 Men’s breakfast & bible study will be Saturday Sept. 15th at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited to join in our new study. Please fill out the enclosed flyer with your breakfast order.

Segway Tours will include First Presbyterian Church in its tours. The first tour will be Sept 20th from 10—12. You are encouraged to take this first “Church Tour” Pre-registration is requested cost is \$45 go to brightleafsegwaytours.com For more info!

We will kick off our Family Night Suppers Wednesday September 19th at 6:00 p.m. Please join us as the Perrows from Columbia will give a mission report. Team 4 will be in charge. We will have lasagna, salad and garlic bread. Price is \$6 per person/Children 10 & under free.

Join us for our **Sundae Sunday** where we will assemble our new membership directory. Sunday Sept. 16th at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall we will assemble the directories then celebrate with ice cream sundaes!!

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School	B. Takata
Children’s Sunday School	The Argyrakis Family
	K. Johnson/G. Baucom
Elders at Front Door	B. Wilson
Security & Side Door	J. Perez
Visitation	K. Shelton
Deacon to Receive Offering	Marie-Louise Crane
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	R. Beale
Time for Young Disciples	T. Gillespie
Sound System	F. Baker
Ushers	Team 2
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Asst. Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Sept. 15th	R. Beale/K. Dolianitis
Saturday Lunch Attendance 9/1	38

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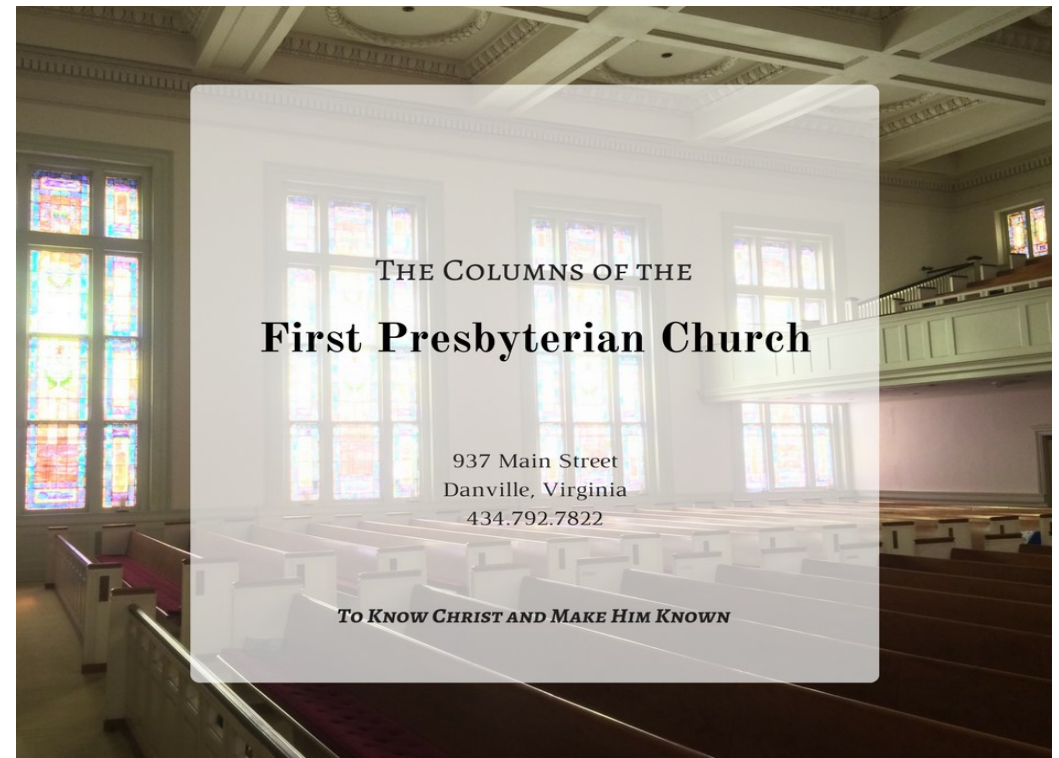
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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, September 10

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Coordinating Council
11:00 a.m. VIP Comm.
12:30 p.m. Day Circle
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle@ S. Mathena’s
700 Steam Way

TUESDAY, September 11

7 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, September 12

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

THURSDAY, September 13

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, September 14

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, September 15

8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast
10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, September 16

9:00 a.m. Missions
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