

*Morning Worship—September 8, 2019*

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.*

*\*Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, “Amen,” after hymns.*

*As the chimes ring in the worship hour,*

*we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR VISION**

**PRELUDE**

“Praise Ye, the Lord Almighty”

arr. Ethel Tench Rogers

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

(based on Psalm 66:1-4)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Sing the glory of God’s name and give to him glorious praise.

**People: All the earth worships you. They sing praises to you; sing praises to your name.**

Leader: Come and see what God has done; and how wonderful his works are for you and for me.

**People: Praise our God, everyone. We will come and listen to the One who hears our prayers and preserves our life.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 384**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, you know us thoroughly, better than we even know ourselves. While you have known us so well, you never fail to persist in your love for us. We confess, O God, that we often do not want to be known. We sometimes hide from you and from others. We confess, as well, that we fail to work at knowing you better. Have mercy, O Lord. You have created us for relationship with you and with one another. Renew us by your Holy Spirit so that we may seek faithful and loving relationships in all our life. Keep us on the path of being Jesus’ disciples. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for words, are not beyond God’s forgiving love. God, who know us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

**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.

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

(children exit for Sunday School)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us wisdom and understanding, that being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to receive all that leads to life and faithfulness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

(444/467)

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

**ANTHEM**

“Freely, Freely”

by Carol Owens

**GOSPEL LESSON**

(739/778)

Luke 14:25-33

**SERMON**

“Knowing and Being Known”

Rev. Steve Willis

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

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 294**

“Wherever I May Wander”

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

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offering in Music

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

arr. Ethel Tench Rogers

\*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 388**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

(children return from Sunday School)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 540**

“God Be With You”

**POSTLUDE**

“Almost Persuaded”

arr. Ethel Tench Rogers

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL CONCERNS**— Brian Anderson (H. Perryman’s brother), Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller’s grandmother), Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey, Matthew Dolianitis, Betty & Bill Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn’s brother), Flo Hall, Bob Lowther, Martha McQueen, Carolyn Miles, Sali Parker (K. Dolianitis), Ella Ryan, Mary Ann Shelton, Andrea Smith (G. Gunn’s cousin), Taz Stephens (P. Brandon’s nephew), Debra Thompson (C. Bolt daughter), Nultie Wiseman, Easton Zunker

The concerns of those who wish to remain unnamed. Our PNC Committee.

Our Service Personnel & First Responders. The people of Togo.

**ON THE MEND** — Mrs. Helen Harris

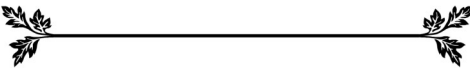
The Diaconate would like to revive the Bible Study on Saturday mornings for the Saturday Lunch Ministry. If anyone is interested to committing a few weeks a year to engage for 30- 45 minutes with our lunch ministry guests (10:30-11:15am) , please contact Kent Shelton or Susan Mathena. We would like to have a roster of leaders, develop a schedule for the year. All you need is a love to spread the WORD.

ATTN: Presbyterian Women — Our PW organization will begin a new season of prayer, bible study, service and fellowship. The Day Circle will meet on Monday, September 9th at 12:30 p.m. in room 108 with Charlotte Lowther leading the study “Love Carved in Stone” by Eugenia Anne Gamble. ALL women are welcome.

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday Sept. 22nd to vote on our new slate of officers. Please make plans to attend our worship service Sept. 22nd.

**SERVING TODAY**

Nursery/Sunday School	B. Takata
Combined Sunday School	K. Johnson/K. Machada
Elders at Front Door	B. Wilson
Security & Side Door	T. Barrett
Visitation	J. Nostrandt
Deacon to Receive Offering	S. Mathena
Officers to Count Offering	Beale/Meadema
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	G. Gunn
Time for Young Disciples	N. Bracey
Sound System	F. Baker
Ushers	Team 2
Flower Ministry	Evening Circle
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Sept. 14th	Westover
Saturday Lunch Attendance 8/24	48



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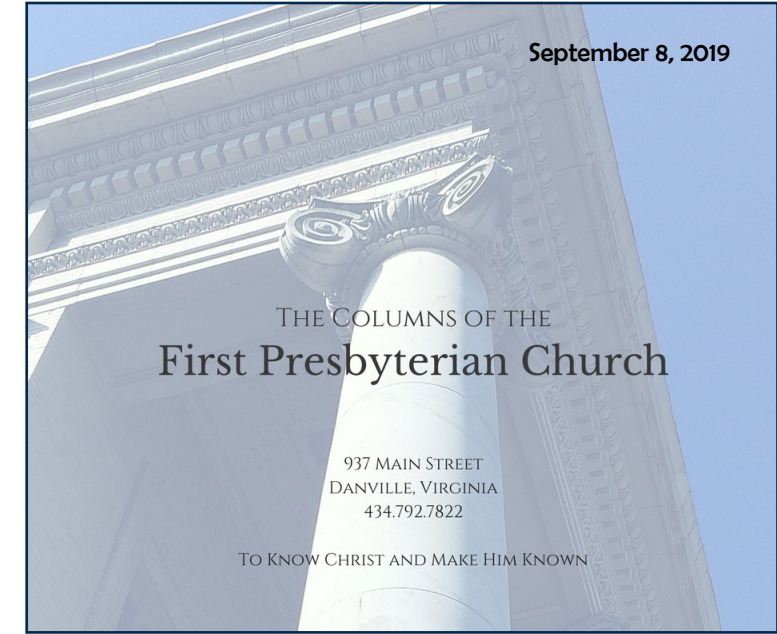
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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**MONDAY, Sept. 9**  
10:30 a.m. Coordinating Council  
11:00 a.m. VIP Comm.  
5:45 p.m. Deacons  
12:30 p.m. Day Circle  
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle  
P. Argyrakis  
115 Fenton Place

**TUESDAY, Sept. 10**  
7:00 p.m. Session

**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 12**  
5:30 p.m. PNC Committee  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

**THURSDAY, Sept. 13**  
5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**FRIDAY, Sept. 14**  
All Day Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY, Sept.15**  
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

**SUNDAY, Sept. 16**  
9:00 a.m. Worship Comm.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:  
See below for Class information  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS  
Noon Fellowship

**Opportunities to Study the Word every Sunday Morning**

**Youth & Adult Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.

**Youth** (middle & high school) Rm 112 /discussion type class studying scripture lesson used in Sunday’s sermon

**Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class**

**Bible Study Fellowship/Library/ Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class**

**Outlook/Rm 322/“The Present Word” / lecture type class**

**The Children’s Extended Time** (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum

**K-2 /Rm304/various instructors/Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors**

Nursery care from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM & Sunday School for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.