



# **Welcome to First Worship!**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 13, 2014  
9:00 AM

The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

---

## **Gather**

*We enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

*Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.*

*Where you see an asterisk (\*) please stand if you are able.*

*The worship leader read italic print.*  
Everyone reads the standard print together.

## **Prelude**

*We listen and get ready to worship God.*

## **Greeting**

*The Pastor welcomes everyone to worship.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**

*We say words from scripture  
to proclaim who God is and what God has done.*

*This is the day that God has made.*

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:*

**Christ is the light of the world  
and the center of our lives.**

## **\* Opening Songs**

*We praise God by singing about God's greatness and goodness.*

Song

Mungu Ni Mwema

Hymn 642

Heleluyan, We Are Singing

**\* Prayer of Confession**

*We stand humbly before God and pray together.*

Holy God,  
you love us, you care for us,  
and you lead us day by day.  
But we have not followed you.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
And we have not loved our neighbors.  
Forgive us by your grace.  
Help us to walk in your way,  
that we may see the world as you do,  
and love it with your love;  
for Jesus sake.  
Amen.  
*(we continue to pray silently.)*

**\* Assurance of Grace**

*The Pastor reminds us of God's forgiveness  
in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**\* Song**

Song 399                      God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.

**\* Sharing the Peace**

*We greet each other with a sign of Christ's welcome.*

*The peace of Christ be with you.*  
**And also with you.**

**Hear**

**Prayer for Illumination**

*We ask God's Spirit to help us understand.*

Speak Lord, I'm listening,  
Plant your word down deep in me.  
Speak Lord, I'm listening,  
Please show me the way.

## Scripture Lesson

*We read today's Bible story.*

Colossians 3:12-17

*(on page 958 of the pew Bible)*

*The Word of God for the People of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Bible Lesson

*The Pastors helps us hear that God who speaks in scripture, speaks to us now.*

*We end our Bible Lesson with a time of silence.*

## **Respond and Serve**

### Prayers of Intercession

*We share our concerns for the church, the world, and all in need.*

### The Offering

*We give our tithes and offerings for God's service.*

### Special Music

*As we give our gifts, Mr. G offers special music to God and we listen as he plays.*

### \* Doxology

*We sing a special song of praise  
as the offerings are brought to the Communion Table.*

Glory and gratitude and praise  
now let earth to heaven raise.  
Glory and gratitude and praise:  
these we offer to God.

### \* Prayer of Dedication

*We receive the offering and give thanks for all God's gifts.  
We conclude our prayer by praying The Lord's Prayer together.*

*God is here.*

**The Spirit is with us.**

*Let us give thanks to God.*

**We thank God with joy.**

**You are great, Holy God,**  
*(fold hands in prayer)*

**and your whole world sings your praise.**

*(reach up with open hands)*

**I will thank you forever**

*(place hands over heart)*

**Because of what you have done.**

*(hold hands open)*

**In the presence of the faithful**

*(stretch arms out and move to side)*

**I will proclaim your name, for it is good.**

*(raise arms over head and wiggle hands)*

*Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:*

**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.**

**\* Closing Song**

Hymn 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

**\* Closing Responses**

*God sends us out into the world to serve.*

*In work and worship*

**God is with us**

*Gathered and scattered*

**God is with us.**

*Now and always*

**God is with us. Thanks be to God.**

**\* Blessing**

*The Pastor gives us a blessing as we leave worship.*

**Postlude**

*Mr.G will play some music as we leave the sanctuary.*



## *Assist in Worship*

Pastor Sue and Pastor Morton invite you to assist them this summer during First Worship. Here are some ways you can assist them:

- Light the Christ Candle during the Call to Worship
- Read the Scripture Lesson
- Help the ushers greet and take the offering

Please speak with Virginia Callegary if you would like to be a Worship Assistant. Also, there is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for First Worship. If you sign up, Ms. Virginia will be in touch with you and help you prepare to be a Worship Assistant this summer.





The First Presbyterian Church  
of Howard County

9325 Presbyterian Circle  
Columbia, Maryland 21045  
410.730.3545  
www.firstpreshc.org



*Ministers: All members of the congregation*

Dr. O. Morton Harris, Jr., Co-Pastor	<a href="mailto:mharris@firstpreshc.org">mharris@firstpreshc.org</a>
Dr. Sue Lowcock Harris, Co-Pastor	<a href="mailto:sharris@firstpreshc.org">sharris@firstpreshc.org</a>
Virginia Callegary, Director of Christian Education	<a href="mailto:vcallegary@firstpreshc.org">vcallegary@firstpreshc.org</a>
James Galdieri, Director of Music Ministries	<a href="mailto:jgaldieri@firstpreshc.org">jgaldieri@firstpreshc.org</a>
Caroline Smith, Executive Assistant	<a href="mailto:execasst@firstpreshc.org">execasst@firstpreshc.org</a>
Pat Travers, Bookkeeper	<a href="mailto:bookkeeper@firstpreshc.org">bookkeeper@firstpreshc.org</a>
Woodrow Collins, Church Sexton	<a href="mailto:sexton@firstpreshc.org">sexton@firstpreshc.org</a>
Kathy Moore, Godly Play Coordinator	<a href="mailto:GodlyPlay@firstpreshc.org">GodlyPlay@firstpreshc.org</a>
Marla Youkers, Child Care Coordinator	
The Rev. Ruth Bell, Parish Visitor	
The Rev. T. Webster Brenner, Parish Associate	
The Rev. Stephen Mann, Parish Associate	

We are an Earth Care Congregation ✠ We are a Stephen Ministry Church

Pastoral Counseling Services of Maryland at First Presbyterian Church

Meredith Barger 410-433-8861 x104  
John Michalcyzk 410-433-8861 x115