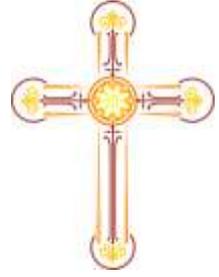


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2014

10:00 a.m.



We Gather in God's Name

*Let all 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.*
Words in *Italics* are read by the leader;
words in **bold**, by the congregation.

For Meditation before Worship *(for personal use before worship)*

*The function of prayer is not to influence God,
but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.*
Soren Kierkegaard

Prelude

Words of Welcome

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.
Newcomers please leave us your address and phone number!
Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.*

* **Hymn 31** Let Us with a Gladsome Mind Monkland

* Lighting the Christ Candle

The Lord's unfailing love and compassion never cease;
They are fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.
Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:
Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.

* A Prayer for the Morning

May God be with you.
And also with you.
O God, you are the well-spring of life.
**Pour into our hearts the living water of your grace,
that we may be refreshed to live this day in joy,
confident of your presence and empowered by your peace.**
Amen.

*** Hymn 626**

As the Deer

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*(we will sing two additional verses not printed in the hymnal.
Please refer to the powerpoint for verses.)*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

Have mercy on us.

Creating, Redeeming God,

we are not the people you want us to be;

and we are not even the people we, ourselves, long to be.

Sometimes we reach out for the new life you offer us,

but more often we are content with second-best.

Sometimes we are inspired to work for a better world,

but more often we are content with self-sufficient isolation.

Sometimes we allow ourselves to believe in your love,

but more often we act as if you were not to be trusted.

Loving God, this is our life.

We are not satisfied with it; we long for it to be better.

Forgive our half-hearted attempts at faithful living.

Even though we are timid and fearful, send us your Spirit,

and renew us for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(We continue in silent, personal prayer...)

Assurance of Grace

*** Response of Praise 587 (singing together)**

Celtic Alleluia

Voice

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*** Response 399 (singing together)**

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

* **Song of Thanksgiving 643** (*singing together*) *Now Thank We All Our God, 1&3*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

Page 69; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Miss Kathy to Godly Play.
Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.*

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.

Second Lesson: Colossians 4:2-4

Page 958; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn 782**

Hear My Prayer, O God (Psalm 143)

Hymn Chant

Third Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

Page 845; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Gently Down the Stream:
A River of Prayer

Sue Lowcock Harris

(after the meditation, we observe a time of silence and prayer)

We Respond to God's Word

- * **Affirmation of Faith** (together) *from A Declaration of Faith (1977)*

Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.
Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.
He put God's claim on his life above all else.
He joined others in God's worship and praise.
He drew strength from the Scriptures.
He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule...
... We are charged to pray for ourselves and others
with gratitude, boldness, and persistence,
confident that God hears and answers our prayers
in ways best for us all.
Life in God's presence issues in life for others,
for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,
we cannot love God whom we do not see.

Concerns and Remembrances

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

Concluding Prayer (together)

God of glory,
you see how all creation groans in labor
as it awaits redemption.
As we work for and await your new creation,
we trust that you will answer our prayers with grace,
and fulfill your promise,
that all things work together for good
for those who love you.

The Offering

Offertory

- * **Doxology 607** (singing together) *Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

- * **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

God is here!

And the Spirit is with us!

Let us give thanks to the living God.

We thank God with joy.

(We stand quietly as the liturgist offers a prayer.)

We Go Forth to Serve

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sending Out - Collegians

* **Hymn 738** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee *Maryton*

* **Invitation to Discipleship**

* **Closing Responses**

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.

* **Benediction**

* **Response**

Sent By the Lord Am I

Sent by the Lord am I;

My hands are ready now to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.

Sent by the Lord am I;

My hands are ready now to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is mine to do, to set it really free.

Oh, help me to obey; help me to do your will.

* **Postlude**



Worship Notes: The Affirmation of Faith is from *A Declaration of Faith*. It was “adopted as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration” by the General Assembly of the PCUS (the former southern stream of the PCUAS) in 1977, and then affirmed by the PCUSA in 1985 – that is, by the reunited church.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

During Today's Worship

Please turn all cell phones to "silent" when in the Sanctuary.

Large print bulletins (including hymns and scripture readings) and individual listening devices are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

If your infant or child needs care or becomes disruptive during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system that will alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Worship programs for children include: *Camp ConnectED* at 9:45 a.m. for children age 4 and up in June and July. *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 10:00 a.m. service in August.

Worship folders and crayons for children are available at the usher's table in The Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave the sanctuary. *White bulletins* for children ages three to six; *Gray bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve.

If you are new to First Church

Please sign our Ritual of Friendship, the red pad in the pew.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Handicap entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to stop by Lemonade on the Lawn after worship for conversation and fellowship.

New Member Orientation explores what it means to be part of First Church household. This one-session class is the way to become a member of First Church.

First Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; to request a Stephen Minister; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact our co-pastors Sue or Morton.

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