

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion/Peacemaking Sunday
October 5, 2014

8:00 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)

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Paul

Words of Welcome

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

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The world belongs to God.

The earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful, to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent.

The stones would shout aloud.

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

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

Prelude

Prayer for Sunday Morning

May God be with you.

And also with you.

*Thanks be to you, O God,
that we have risen this day to the rising of this life itself.*

**Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,
the hand of God between us and each hand,
the pain of Christ between us and each pain,
the love of Christ between us and each love.**

O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day

Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

Amen.

* Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

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.

**Holy God, merciful and mighty,
you call us to seek good and not evil.**

You call us to establish justice so that all may live in peace.

**But we trample the poor, we oppress the weak,
and we push aside the needy.**

**We take what is not ours,
ignore the words of your prophets,
and silence the voices of truth.**

Forgive us, O God; restore us.

Make us holy; make us whole.

**Let your justice roll down like water
and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,**

**so that songs of peace and joy
may resound again in our land;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Amen.

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

Assurance of Grace

* **Response of Praise 581** (*singing together*)

Gloria Patri

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, amen.

* **Sharing the Peace**

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

* **Response of Praise 598** (*singing together*) Amen, We Praise Your Name

Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, amen. Amen, amen.
Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen siakudumisa!
Amen siakudumisa!
Amen, bawo. Amen, bawo
Amen siakudumisa!

* **Welcoming One Another**

We greet each other with signs of peace and reconciliation.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Page 933; pew Bible

*The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!*

Second Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Page 58; pew Bible

And God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Therefore you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol in the likeness of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath; nor shall you bow down before them or serve them, for I, the Lord, am a jealous God.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit those who misuse the name of the Lord.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days shall you labor and do all your work, but the seventh is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

You shall honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house,
or your neighbor's wife, or servants, or animals,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Memory”

Walter Peters

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

We Respond to God's Word

* **Affirmation of Faith** *(together)* *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minute for Mission – Blake Collins

Concerns and Remembrances

The Offering

Offertory

* **Hymn 515**

I Come with Joy
(verses 1, 2, 3)

Dove of Peace

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is here.

The Spirit is with us.

Open your hearts.

We open them to God and one another.

Let us give thanks.

We thank God with joy.

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: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 8 & 11 a.m. services; *The Worship Bridge* for older children (grades 2-5) at the 11 a.m. service.

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 Coffee Hour after worship for conversation and fellowship in Lyle Buck Hall.

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. The next orientation is **Saturday, November 1st** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

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 Walt Peters or Ruth Bell.

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