



## **Welcome to First Worship!**

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 14, 2015  
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 reads 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.**

### **Song for Prayer**

Song

Am I Awake?

Aronson

### **Prayer for the Morning**

*We pray together.*

*May God be with you.*

**And also with you.**

**O God, in this sacred place,  
where even the rafters speak of your name,  
help me to be still and know  
that I am enfolded in your love.  
Amen.**

**\* Opening Song**

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

Hymn 659

Mungu Ni Mwema

**\* 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.*

**\* Response of Praise**

*We sing Alleluia; it means "Praise God!"*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**\* 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.*

**\* Song**

Hymn 399

God Welcomes All

**Hear**

**Prayer for Illumination**

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

## Scripture Lesson

*We read today's Bible story.*

Mark 4:30-32

*(on page 816 of the pew Bible)*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## Bible Lesson – The Big Nest

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

*We end our Bible Lesson with a song.*

### \* Song

Let There Be Love

*Aronson*

Let there be love and understanding among us  
Let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storms.

## **Respond and Serve**

### Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

*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.**

*Loving God,  
we give you thanks for the beauty of the earth:  
for our favorite trees and flowers,  
for the green grass and the blue sky.  
We thank you for our church,  
and for bringing us together today.  
You are always with us,  
giving us the gift of your love and care  
and your guiding hand.  
Now we offer you our lives,  
to be shaped by your Spirit.  
Make us people who will live in your love,  
and change the world for you.  
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 37

Let All Things Now Living

**\* 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.





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