

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2015

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 **bold**, by the congregation.

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

Christ is a presence to be trusted, not a principle to be tested. The Church is a movement, not a meeting house. The faith is an experience, not an exposition. Christians are explorers, not map makers.

George MacLeod

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

*O give thanks to the Holy One, the Name Unnamed,
with your whole heart!*

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

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

Hymn 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

A Prayer for the Morning

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal God, your touch makes this world holy.

Open our eyes to see your hand at work

in the splendor of creation,

and in the beauty of human life.

Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,

to share your blessings with our sisters and brothers,

and to experience the joy of life in your presence.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

our teacher and guide, our friend and our savior.

Amen.

* **Hymn 458**

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Thy Word

(Children may leave for Vacation Bible Summer)

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.

God of grace, love and communion,

we confess that we have not lived for your glory.

When we are overwhelmed,

we think you do not care for us.

When life is uncertain and risky,

we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts.

Forgive us, God of grace, and calm our fears.

Teach us to trust your power to save and guide.

Renew us for life, and grant us your peace,

through Jesus Christ, our master, teacher, friend and guide.

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

Assurance of Grace

* **Response of Praise 582** *(singing together)*

Goodness to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* **Sharing the Peace**

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

* **Song of Thanksgiving** (singing together)

Solomon (Major)



1. For the gifts of beau - ty joy and light We give thanks to you, O
2. For all that's kind and good and true We give thanks to you, O
God. For the laugh-ter and the tears be - sides We give thank to you, O
God. Let us learn to live in grat - i - tude We give thanks to you, O
God. We give thanks, we give thanks to you, O God; all our
thanks and praise they could nev-er be e - nough. For the chance to learn and
love and give We give thanks to you, O God.

Special Music

Mispa Bikoi

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Psalm 100

Page 481; pew Bible

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD is God.

*It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

*For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

Thoughts on the First Lesson: Preparing

Second Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

Page 816; pew Bible

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We Respond to God's Word

* **Affirmation of Faith** (together) *from The Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Concerns and Remembrances

A Song for Prayer 471 (together)

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayer of Gratitude and Concern

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Offering

Offertory

- * **Doxology** (*singing together*) O Waly, Waly
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

- * **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

All that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours, O Lord.

And of your own we give you.

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

We Go Forth to Serve

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

- * **Song** We Cry Out Jeremy Camp

- * **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 742**

We Will Walk with God

Si-zo-ham-ba na-ye, wo wo wo, si-zo-ham-ba na-ye.

Si-zo-ham-ba na-ye, wo wo wo, si-zo-ham-ba na-ye.

Ngom-hla wen-ja-bu-la, si-zo-ham-ba na-ye.

Ngom-hla wen-ja-bu-la, si-zo-ham-ba na-ye.

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

- * **Postlude**



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 too restless 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 to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Worship programs for children today during the 10:00 a.m. service:

- *Vacation Bible Summer* (through July 26, 2015)
Ages 4 – Grade 5 will worship with family, an announcement will be made for children to go to VBS. Pick up children in Branch Hall after worship.
- *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 10:00 a.m. services will resume on August 2.

Worship folders and crayons for children are at the ushers' table in The Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave. *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.

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 Ruth Bell.

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