



# Welcome to First Worship!

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 30, 2015  
9:00 AM

The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

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## 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.***

## \* Opening Song

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

Hymn 414

Be Still and Know That I Am God

## Lighting the Christ Candle

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

*God'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.***

## Prayer for the Morning

*We pray together.*

*May God be with you.*

**And also with you.**

**May my mouth praise the God of love this morning.**

**O God, we worship you.**

**May my ears hear the words of God and obey them.**

**O God, we thank you.**

**May my feet follow the footsteps of God this day.**

**O God, we listen for you.**

**Amen.**

### \* Song

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

Hymn 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

### \* 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

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.*

### **Scripture Lesson**

*We read today's Bible story.*

Luke 10:25-37

*(on page 844 of the pew Bible)*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Bible Lesson – The Good Samaritan**

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

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

## **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 our neighbors:*

*for the families who live next door to us,*

*for our classmates, lab partners, teammates,  
band buddies, lunch buddies;*

*for the people we work with, who share our workspaces,  
and who clean and keep our schools and workplaces  
and homes safe;*

*for our neighbors who are at worship  
at another church right now...*

*and for our neighbors who worship  
in other ways and at other times.*

*We thank you for our church,  
and for bringing us together today:*

*for making us all sisters and brothers together,  
and neighbors to everyone.*

*Now we bring you our gifts and 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 63

The Lord Is God

## \* Closing Responses

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

*In work and in 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.



## 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:**

- *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 four session class is the way to become a member and is scheduled for Sundays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2015 from 9:30 – 10:25 a.m. Call the Church Office if you are interested in attending.

### 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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