

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church
of Howard County

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2017

8:30 a.m.



GATHER

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** are read by the congregation.

Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.

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

If you notice something evil in yourself, correct it; if something good, take care of it; if something beautiful, cherish it; if something sound, preserve it; if something unhealthy, heal it. Do not weary of reading the commandments of the Lord, and you will be adequately instructed by them so as to know what to avoid and what to go after.

Bernard of Clairvaux

Greeting

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 contact information!

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,

These beams 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.

Holy God, whose name defies our definition,
but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed:

**Make us one with all who cry for justice;
that we who speak your praise
may struggle for your truth,
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

- * **Hymn 705** You Are Holy (Prince of Peace) *You Are Holy*
Music is in Glory to God Hymnal; words are on the wall.
- * **Hymn 743** O God, You Are My God *Step By Step*

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 our redeemer,
you brought us out of the land of bondage;
yet, we confess that we remain captivated by sin.
You make us stewards of a wonderful world;
we call it our own and misuse it.
You give laws to enhance our life;
we see them as burdens tying us down.
You bid us to take confidence in your love;
we put stock in our accomplishments.
Forgive us, O God and set us free.
Give us the grace we need to amend our lives
until we become the people you intended us to be.**

(We take time for quiet, personal prayer...)

Assurance of Grace

* **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*We greet each other with signs of peace and reconciliation.
A touch on the shoulder, a nod, a bow – can be a substitute
for handshakes to hinder the spread of the flu.*

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

Levine

Hallelu, Hal-le-lu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Hallelu, Hallelujah, Amen.
(repeat)

How good it is that we should be together
Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, neighbor and friend.
Reaching out, find a way building bridges for tomorrow.
Mending hearts, making peace begins with us today.

Words of Welcome

ENCOUNTER

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 19:16-22

Page 800; pew Bible

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

* **Psalter Hymn 61** Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect *Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben*
(Psalm 19)

Second Lesson: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Page 58; pew Bible

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Exodus: Survival, Part Two

Morton Harris

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

RESPOND AND SERVE

* **Affirmation of Faith** *(together)*

from The Scots Confession, 1560

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe
all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible,
to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided
by God's inscrutable providence for such an end
as God's eternal wisdom, goodness and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of God's own glory.
Thanks be to God!

Concerns and Remembrances

Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

God of life,

Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer *(together)*

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.

Minute for Mission – Guatemala Stove Project

The Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Offertory

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 include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. services; *The Worship Bridge* for older children (grades 2-5) at the 10:30 a.m. service, except on Communion Sunday.

Worship bags for children are at the ushers' table in The Upper Commons. Please return the bags as you leave. *Green bags and bulletins* for children ages three to six (pre-readers); *Purple bags and bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve (readers).

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.

Disabled persons entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to attend the Discipleship Hour after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for conversation and fellowship in Lyle Buck Hall.

We invite you to become a member of First Church at the New Member Class is Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 11:30 a.m..

First Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Pastor Morton or Pastor Sue.



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