



Welcome to First Worship!

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019
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.

Our souls sing out to God.

How can we be silent? We will give thanks forever!

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.

O God, we worship you.

O God, we thank you.

O God, we listen for you.

May my mouth praise the God of love this morning.

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

May my feet follow the footsteps of God this day.

Amen.

*** Opening Song**

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

Hymn 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

*** 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 583**

Glory to God

We sing Alleluia; it means "Praise God!"

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, 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**

Our God is a God Who Makes Friends

Our God is a God who makes friends,
Our God is a God who makes friends,
Our God is a God who is faithful to the end;
Our God is a God who makes friends.
Our God calls us all to make friends,
Our God calls us all to make friends,
Yes, you as well as I, we're the very ones God sends.
Our God calls us all to make friends.

Hear

Prayer for Illumination

We ask God's Spirit to help us understand.

Scripture Lesson

We read today's Bible story.

Luke 13:10-17

(on page 848 of the 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.

Bible Lesson

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

We end our Bible Lesson with a time of silence.

* Saying Yes

We promise God and each other that we will be disciples.

Because God cares for us,

we will care for each other.

Because we are part of God's creation,

we will care for the earth.

Because we are loved by God,

we will share God's love with everyone.

Thanks be to God.

Respond and Serve

Prayers of Concern

We share our concerns for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayers.

The Offering

We give our tithes and offerings for God's service.

Special Music

As we give our gifts, Ms. Meehan offers special music to God and we listen as he plays.

* **Doxology**

Glory and Gratitude and Praise

*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 Thanksgiving**

*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 playmates and workmates
and teachers and friends,
for our neighbors who are at worship
in 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 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

* Closing Responses

God sends us out into the world to serve.

For all that God gives us, we say:

Thank you!

For all that God asks for us, we say:

Yes!

* Blessing

The Pastor gives us a blessing as we leave worship.

Postlude

Ms. Meehan will play some music as we leave the sanctuary.



Assist in Worship

Pastor Sue and Pastor Morton invite children 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
- Pour the water
- 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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