



# Welcome to First Worship!

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 14, 2019  
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.**

### 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.**

### Prayer for the Morning

*We pray together.*

*May God be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*God of the morning, wake us up!*

**Wake us up to new adventures.**

**Wake us up to be kind and loving.**

**Wake us up to care for your world.**

**Wake us up to worship you.**

**Amen.**

**\* Opening Song**

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

Hymn 405      Praise God for This Holy Ground

**\* 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**

*Friedman Alleluia*

*We sing Alleluia; it means “Praise God!”*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

**\* 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**

God Welcomes All

# 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)*

*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.*

## \* Hymn 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

## \* 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, Mr. G 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.**

*O Lord, in a world where many are lonely,  
**we thank you for our friendships.***

*In a world where many are captive,  
**we thank you for our freedom.***

*In a world where many are hungry,  
**we thank you for your provision.***

**We pray that you will:  
enlarge our sympathy,  
deepen our compassion,  
and give us grateful hearts.  
In Christ's name.**

*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.**

## Sending Out

Triennium and Massanetta Mid-High Conference

### \* Closing Song

Hymn 750

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

### \* 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

*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
- 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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