



# Welcome to First Worship!

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Communion  
September 1, 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.*

*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.**

*God of the sunrise,*

*thank you for the gift of this new day.*

**Ground me and root me in your love.**

**Open my heart to the beauty of your creation.**

**Open my eyes to see the wonder of life.**

**Open my heart to receive your grace.**

**Let me worship you**

**with all my heart and soul and mind and strength.**

**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 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 14:16b-20

*(on page 849 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 Pastors 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 say together what we believe as a church family.*

*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.*

## 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.*

## The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

*We are invited to the feast.*

*We give thanks for this meal. Our prayer begins:*

*God is here.*

**The Spirit is with us.**

*Let us open our hearts.*

**We open them to God and one another.**

*Let us give thanks.*

**We thank God with joy.**

*(The prayer continues. We end our prayer by praying  
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.**

*We share bread and wine.*

*Mr. G will play some music while we share in communion.*

*Afterwards, we pray a prayer of thanks.*

\* **Closing Song**

Hymn 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

\* **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 of us, we say:*

**Yes!**

\* **Blessing** *(together)*

*The Pastor gives us a blessing as we leave worship.*

\* **Postlude**

*Mr. G will play some music as we leave the sanctuary.*



**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS**

**next Sunday, September 8, 2019**

8:30 a.m.	Worship
9:30 a.m.	Education Hour
10:30 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Discipleship Hour

# 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 during the summer** include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 10:00 a.m. service.

**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 Lemonade on the Lawn** after the 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship services for conversation and fellowship on the front lawn.

**New Member Class explores what it means to be part of First Church household.** This one session class scheduled on **Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 11:45 a.m.** is the way to become a member. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

## 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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