

**First Presbyterian Church**

Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,  
We seek to know God's love and share it  
With each other, our community, and the world.  
We invite you to join us in this journey  
of discipleship!*

Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 9, 2017**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "Fugue #5 in D Major"  
J.S. Bach

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:1-8 (p.553)

ANTHEM "How Great is Our God"  
Tomlinson/Reeves/Cash  
Kenneth Williams, Piano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*\*\*Children ages 4-3rd grade leave for Children's Worship*

ORGAN INTERLUDE "Prelude #1 in C Major"  
J.S. Bach

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING I Samuel 3:1-10 (p.215)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Pick Me. Choose Me. Love Me."  
Rhonda Banasiak

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #69 "Here I Am, Lord"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p.35)*

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of**

**God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Rose Thompson  
Project Transformation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Above All"  
Baloch/LeBlanc  
Kenneth Williams, Piano

\* THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*CHARGE & BLESSING #601 "Amen"

\*POSTLUDE "Prelude #5 in D Major"  
J.S. Bach

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Vicki Wallace** is today's liturgist.  
**Rick Prall** is today's audio visual specialist.  
**\*Please stand if you are able.**  
**\*\*Children's Worship is located in the Chapel outside of the church office.**

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

**Sunday, July 9**  
9:00am **Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes**  
**Monday, July 10**  
8:00am **Men's Quarterly Breakfast** (see announcement)  
5:00pm **Theology on Tap @ Shoney's**  
**Tuesday, July 11**  
5:30pm **Yoga**  
**Wednesday, July 12**  
10:00am **Bible Study** group meets in the library  
6:00pm **Genesis Study** (see announcement)  
6:30pm **Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A**  
**Thursday, July 13**  
9:00am **Yoga**  
10:30am **Staff Meeting**

### SERMON NOTES:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADVANCED STUDY: GENESIS 1-11 (THE PRIMEVAL HISTORY)** This summer on **Wednesday evenings 6-7, beginning July 5 through August 9**, Pastor Greg will offer a six week, college-level introduction to the literature, culture, and history of the first eleven chapters of the Book of Genesis. The class will compare Israel's Primeval History--creation, flood, and tower building--with similar ancient Near Eastern accounts (the Egyptian *Instruction of Merikare*, the Babylonian *Epic of Creation* [Enuma Elish], the *Epic of Atra-basis*, the Sumerian *Eridu Genesis*, and others). The course will also introduce students to the most recent scholarly discussion regarding the composition history of Genesis; and it will describe the religion of ancient Israel, as reflected in the Primeval History, within the wider religious context of the Levant during the 10<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> centuries BCE. The class is free and open to the public and will take place in the fellowship hall.

**MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST** All men, all ages, are invited to participate in our Quarterly Men's Breakfast on **Monday, July 10 at 8:00am** at Shoney's on the corner of Kraft and 2nd Streets to talk about life and faith! A brief devotional follows the meal.

**CHURCH PICNIC TO "KICK OFF" VBS** will take place Sunday July 23 at the Wallace's farm located at 1540 Appleton Road in Clarksville. The picnic starts at 5:30pm with Emma Feldman singing at 6:00pm. Bring your own picnic for your family. Also bring blankets or lawn chairs. You can come at 4:30pm to fish or play games. There is an unfenced pond nearby so we ask you to bring life jackets for your little ones. Come to the barn; follow the gravel drive to the right as you come in the gate.

**VBS WILL BE JULY 24-28 from 9am to 12 noon at FPC.** Our theme this year is Hero Central-Discover Your Strength in God! We will employ art, music, storytelling, science, and play, to teach children and adults all about God's strength and love for us. VBS website to register children or to volunteer is: <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/fpcclarksville/>

## MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate  
10:00am Service

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Member(s)                       Visitor(s)  
 Members please indicate if this is a change.

Are You Interested In (circle as many as you like):

Fellowship    Sunday School    Small Group Study  
Meet with Pastor    Baptism    Membership    Choir

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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### LOOKING AHEAD:

July 15 Mission Trip

July 16 Pastor Greg's Town Hall; 9:00am in chapel to answer questions and give updates on recent church developments

July 17 FPC v Parker Civil Jury Trial begins in the Montgomery Chancery Court, 9am, with Judge Goodman presiding

July 23 Church Wide Picnic (see announcement)

July 24 VBS Week! (see announcement)