



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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Prelude in C Major BWV 553"
JS Bach

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
Love is the fulfillment of the law.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #401 "Here in This Place"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we sometimes attend your banquet out of compulsion. We receive your invitation to enjoy VIP seats at the richest of tables, but we send our regrets. Our busy-ness and family provide ready excuses. Forgive us for missing the opportunities you set before us. We neglect your presence, which is as near to us as our neighbor.

Teach us your values. Teach us to love with determination and joy. Teach us to welcome all who respond to your call as brothers and sisters, our fellow guests.

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 Luke 14:7-14 (p. 849)

ANTHEM "Here I am, Lord"
setting by Arnold D. Sherman
Bob Lueck, soloist

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

ORGAN INTERLUDE "Moderato"
Starling Goodwin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:15-24 (p. 849)

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

SERMON "C-List Soiree"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*, pg. 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Air"
Samuel Wesley

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

WORSHIP NOTES

Carolyn Riggins is today's liturgist.
Leong Lee 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.**

Seeking a Director of Music and an Organist:
First Presbyterian Church is now seeking applications for a Director of Music and an Organist/Pianist. Job descriptions are available upon request. Send resumes with letter of intent to Vicki Wallace at vickitwallace@gmail.com. Opening is immediate and the search will remain active until filled.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

9:00am **Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes**

Young Children's Music (until 9:15)

3:00pm **Church Picnic** (see announcement)

Monday, September 11

5:00pm **Theology on Tap @ Shoney's**

Tuesday, September 12

12:30pm **Martha Circle**

2:00pm **Congregational Care**

5:30pm **Yoga**

7:00pm **Night Circle**

Wednesday, September 13

5:00pm **Property Committee**

6:00pm **New Testament Greek Class**

Handbells

6:30pm **Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A**

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, September 14

9:00am **Yoga**

Staff Meeting

Wifi

To connect and use Wifi while you are in the building:

Network: FPCGuest

Password: Welcome2fpc

Service Notes

Pastor Greg is beginning to experiment with the use of on-screen enhancements to our worship service. If you wish to participate online today, connect to nearpod.com and enter the code for the service when it is provided.

Nearpod.com

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Congregational Potluck Picnic will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 10, from 3-5 pm** at the Hudson Farm on Rosson Road. The picnic takes the place of the 2nd Sunday Lunch. The Fellowship Committee will grill hamburgers and hot dogs and provide potato chips, drinks, plates, cups, & eating utensils. You are asked to bring a large picnic-type dish that will serve 10-12 (i.e. baked beans, deviled eggs, potato salad, slaw, casseroles, fruit or veggie plates, brownies, pies, cookies, etc.). We will have hayrides and volleyball games. Bring quilts and/or lawn chairs to sit on plus old shoes/towels for creek-wading. You are invited to bring sports equipment such as Frisbees, badminton, kick balls, gloves & balls, etc. Maps to the farm are available in the vestibule and on the table outside the church office. Please join us for an old-fashioned dinner-on-the-grounds congregational picnic!



WOMAN'S RETREAT Saturday September 30 in Palmyra at the home of Kris Foust. We have invited Jule Nyhuis to come back (she facilitated the spring retreat at Montgomery Bell) and conduct workshops/discussion regarding personalities and their place on the "enneagram". The day will begin at 9:30am, we will have a catered lunch, time for walking/kayaking/paddle boating/birdwatching etc... and conclude around 4pm. This invitation is to all women in the church, members & visitors, and not tied to participation in PW or a Sunday School class. The cost is \$35 payable to the church. Deadline for the payment is Sept 15. Bring a friend!

LOAVES & FISHES Save the Date!

The major fundraiser for Loaves & Fishes,

LOUISIANA SATURDAY NITE, is

October 7th from 4:30-7:00pm at the

L&F Soup Kitchen located at the FPC Activities Center (corner of Foster and Third). There will be a delicious Louisiana Cajun meal along with music. Dinner includes Chicken and Andouille Sausage Gumbo with rice, slaw, roll, praline and a drink. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the church office, Eventbrite or through Charlie Keene, Tam Long, Issac Wright, Jill Crow or Diane Miner. We will be available before and after church service *the first and second Sunday of September and first Sunday of October outside the church* to buy tickets. For more ticket and sponsor information go to loavesandfishestn.org or eventbrite.com Remember you can dine in or carry out!



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 any changes in info.

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: _____

MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST All men, all ages, are invited to participate in our Quarterly Men's Breakfast on **Monday, October 3 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.

RECIPES FOR PW COOKBOOK are still being accepted and can be delivered to the church office and placed in the basket in Monica's office. Thank you

LOOKING AHEAD:

September 24 Lydia's Reception

September 25 PW Luncheon

September 30 Woman's Fall Retreat (see announcement)

October 2 Men's Quarterly Breakfast (see announcement)

October 7 Louisiana Saturday Nite (see announcement)