



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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Toccata"
Charles Marie Widor

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.
Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.
Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, in our Lord Jesus Christ you showed us how to love our neighbors. Jesus demonstrated how to look to the interests of others, rather than to live for our own selfish desires. We confess that our love is weak. We lack Christ's humility and dedication to others. We are driven too often by vanity, ambition, and conceit. We defend ourselves and our own views,

without understanding the perspective of others. We speak of love, but we fail to practice it. We resist the sacrifices that love requires. Gracious God, we believe that you are still working on us. Fill us and shape us by your Spirit, that we may do your will, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

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 Matthew 7:24-27 (p. 788)

ANTHEM "Wings of the Morning"
John Rutter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

ORGAN INTERLUDE "My Life Flows On...How
Can I Keep From Singing?"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-10 (p. 872)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Life Ruined or Well Lived?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

*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 "A Simple Song" from "Mass"
Leonard Bernstein
Brett Trent, tenor

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Vicki Wallace is today's liturgist.

Leong Lee is today's audio-visual specialist.

***Please stand if you are able.**

****Children's Worship is 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

Sunday, September 24 Lydia's reception immediately following service

9:00am **Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes**
Young Children's Music (until 9:15)

Monday, September 25

11:00am **PW Leadership Team**

12:30pm **PW Lunch**

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

Tuesday, September 26

5:30pm **Yoga**

Wednesday, September 27

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

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, September 28

9:00am **Yoga**

Saturday, September 30

9a-4p **Woman's Fall Retreat**

Wifi

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

Network: FPCGuest

Password: Welcome2fpc

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST All men, all ages, are invited to participate in our Quarterly Men's Breakfast on **Monday, October 2 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.

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 on the *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!



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.

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: _____

LOOKING AHEAD:

October 2 Men's Quarterly Breakfast (see announcement)

October 7 Louisiana Saturday Nite (see announcement)

October 9-13 CMCSS Fall Break/No Preschool

October 9 OFFICE CLOSED in honor of Columbus Day

October 27-29 Youth Fall Retreat

October 29 Congregational Meeting

November 5 All Saint's Day

Daylight Savings time ends

November 10 OFFICE CLOSED in honor of Veterans Day

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