

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "The March of the Three Kings"
Roger C. Wilson

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.
The Lord has delivered us from slavery;
there is no other god but the Lord.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You are the one who has saved us; but we make false gods for ourselves. You are the one who has called us; but we make excuses and fail to answer. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

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 6:20-26 (p. 838)

ANTHEM "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
arr. J. Holstein

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

ORGAN INTERLUDE "I Danced in the Morning"
Sydney Carter

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-11 (p. 785)

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

SERMON "The Grand Invitation"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #172 "Blest Are They"

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "In Christ Alone"
Getty/Townsend/Austin

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #175 "Seek Ye First"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Smith/Beethoven

WORSHIP NOTES

Bill Moser is today's liturgist.
Tabitha Lee is today's audio-visual specialist.
Carolyn Riggins is interim Music Director.
Kenneth Williams is interim organist.
***Please stand if you are able.**
****Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the church office.**
All Saints' Day: We will celebrate our very own roll call of the Saints during November 5 worship service, please use one of the bulletin inserts or submit the name directly to Monica by October 23. (**2017 All Saints' Day List** is on FPC website for you to review. If there are additions or changes please send them to Monica.)

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 8 **SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH**

9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

Young Children's Music (until 9:15)

Monday, October 9 **CMCSS Fall Break/no Preschool**

COLUMBUS DAY OFFICE CLOSED

4:30pm Professional Staff

Tuesday, October 10

12:30pm Martha Circle

2:00pm Congregational Care

5:30pm Yoga

Wednesday, October 11

10:00am Bible Study group meets in the library

5:00pm Property Committee

6:00pm New Testament Greek Class

Handbells

6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm Adult Choir

Thursday, October 12

9:00am Yoga

Staff Meeting

10a-12n/1p-3p Disciple Classes

Wifi

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

Network: FPCGuest

Password:

Welcome2fpc

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOHN LAIDA will be our guest speaker **October 15** for the Library Class at 9:00am. Contact Bill Hutton for more information.

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

HELP WANTED!

The Bicentennial Steering Committee solicits your help! We need volunteers for these sub-committees: Remembrance, Celebration, and Vision. Forms are available in the church office. Thank you.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on October 29 at the end of worship (11:00 a.m.). This meeting is for electing elders to serve on Session for the next three years. The nominees for the Class of 2020 are Will Arrington (2nd consecutive term; currently filling a partial, unexpired term), Charlotte Graves, Danny McGregor, Diane Miner, Bill Moser, Anna Neubauer, Mary Jo Patterson, Craig Schryver, and Evan Duncan (Youth Elder, 2018). Participation in this meeting is an important responsibility of membership. Our Annual Meeting will include an update and reporting on our financial situation. Please make every effort to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD:

October 27-29 Youth Fall Retreat

October 29 Congregational Meeting (see announcement)

November 5 All Saints' Day

Daylight Savings time ends

November 10 OFFICE CLOSED in honor of Veterans Day

November 12 Leadership Dinner Save the Date!

November 23 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED

November 24 OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving

December 2 SpiritFest Save the Date!

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

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: _____

ROOM IN THE INN

We are happy to report that our church will be hosting men, women and children, Friday evenings, through **ROOM IN THE INN** during the months of November through March. There are plenty of opportunities to serve this program as Innkeeper, with meal preparation, and setting up of the facility. If you are interested in providing your services please contact Eric Salyer, 624-9104, who is coordinating the men's program, and Margaret Adames, 980-1646, who is coordinating the women's program.

