

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

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Glorious Things of Thee"
arr. Gordon Young

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 is our eternal dwelling place;
from age to age, the Lord is our God.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #664 "Morning Has Broken"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for
your holy realm. We lay heavy burdens on others, but
are unwilling to share the load. We want to be lifted
up as leaders, but you call us to humble service.**

**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 Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18
(p. 787)

ANTHEM "Lift Up Your Voice"
Albrecht

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

INTERLUDE "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"
Bryan Leech

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 3:1-11, 18 (p. 938)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Vanquishing Vainglory"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Larger Catechism*
(Q 185)

How are we to pray?

**We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the
majesty of God, and deep sense of our own
unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent,
thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding,
faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance,
waiting upon him with humble submission to his will.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "Victory in Jesus"
arr. Glenda Austin

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Call of the Trumpets"
Henry Purcell

WORSHIP NOTES

Rod Wolfe 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.**

Sudanese Presbyterian Church Anniversary Invitation

November 5, 2017, we will celebrate our 16th anniversary!

The time for celebration and worship is 3:30pm. We are very excited about this event which almighty God has prepared for this community and our Church! On behalf of the Sudanese Presbyterian Church, it is with great pleasure and privilege to invite all of you to attend the occasion. If you have any questions, please call Simon Nguoth Dael at 206-407-8663 or David Nhial Mawich at 615-585-5131.

Wifi

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THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 29

11:00am **Congregation Meeting** (see announcement)

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

Young Children's Music (until 9:15)

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

5:30pm **Yoga**

Wednesday, November 1

10:00am **Bible Study** group meets in the library

11:15am **Prayer Circle**

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

Handbells

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

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, November 2

9:00am **Yoga**

Staff Meeting

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

Tom and Charlotte Graves would like to make sure everyone has their new address. A year ago, they moved to 456 Pond Apple Rd., #51, Clarksville, 37043. Their former address is listed in the directory; but their new address is on Realm. Please update your church directory. Charlotte's email address is lorlisav@yahoo.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 today at the end of worship. 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.

LOAVES & FISHES JINGLE BELLS FOOD DRIVE

L&F is asking for help with their food drive during the months of November and December. The list of items needed is in November's newsletter and posted on the board outside of the church office. Call Jill Crow (648-9529) or Susan Chapman (216-7275) for additional information.

LOOKING AHEAD:

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 19 Consecration Sunday*

November 23 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED

November 24 OFFICE CLOSED for Thanksgiving

December 2 SpiritFest Save the Date!

*There will be no Second Sunday Lunch in November; but all are invited to the **Consecration Lunch, November 19**.

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Member(s) Visitor(s)

Members indicate if there are changes in information.

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

After meeting at the Old Firehouse Day Shelter with area churches concerning the Winter Shelter Program, we have realized that there are several other churches providing shelter on Fridays and no churches on Wednesdays. Therefore, we are going to change back to **Wednesdays**. Fewer churches are participating in the Room In The Inn (RITI) program, thus there is a need to offer shelter for men and women each Wednesday. We will make a new sign-up sheet with new dates. Please contact either Margaret Adames 980-1646 or Eric Salyer 624-9104 if you are interested in serving a meal or staying overnight as an inn keeper.

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