

## 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*

### *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 22, 2018*

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

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.

In Christ we are no longer strangers;

we are members of the household of God.

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You claim us as your beloved children, but we do not honor your name. You call us to paths of righteousness, but we fail to follow your way. Forgive us, God of grace. Break down the walls that divide us from you and from one another, and build us up into a holy temple; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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 Genesis 27:1-29 (p.20)

ANTHEM

"Sonatine"

by William Gillock

Christina Glover, piano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 27:30-46 (p.21)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Stealing a Blessing"

#### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #445 "God, How Can We Forgive"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith (10.3)*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments. We violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Project Transformation  
Sabriyya Lashai Yates, Intern

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(You may give online at <http://www.fpccarkville.org/giving>)

THE OFFERTORY

"The Lord's Prayer"

by Malotte

Beth Ring, soprano

\*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #834

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

#### WORSHIP NOTES

Tom Presler is today's liturgist.

Rick Prall is today's audio-visual specialist.

Mark Ring is Director of Music/Organist.

Kenneth Williams, Accompanist.

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Children's Worship is in the Chapel outside of the church office.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

**Sunday, July 22**

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

**Monday, July 23**

5:00pm **Theology on Tap** (Shoney's)

**Tuesday, July 24**

5:00pm **Yoga**

**Wednesday, July 25**

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

6:00pm **Greek Class**

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

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

**Thursday, July 26**

8:30am **Yoga**

9:00am **Staff Meeting**

**August 5 Congregational Meeting immediately after  
Worship for voting on the proposed Bylaws.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING CLASS** for Middle School age students is beginning on **August 19** Rally Day! Contact CD Elliott cell/text 931-551-6204 or Dianne York 645-6551 if you are interested.

**WANTED!** Volunteers for Sunday School, teachers and substitute teachers, are needed. If you would like to volunteer, forms are available on the website. Paper copies are available as well. Training session for all volunteers will be after the service on **Sunday, August 5** (following the Congregational meeting). Contact Jeanne Salyer 624-9106 or Dianne York 645-6551 with questions and for more information.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**August 2** LaGonave Ice Cream Social at Trinity (TBA)

**August 10** Back to School Party for everyone in FH

**August 12** Second Sunday Lunch

**August 19** Rally Day/Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

**September 9** Picnic at the Hudson Farm

### FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUTH:

**July 28** Fellowship & Fun Night (6:30-10p) We will gather at the AOC, go get a bite to eat (please bring \$\$), and then go to City Forum. FPC will cover the cost of the City Forum activities!

**August 11 & 12** NaCoMe Youth Work Trip (more information to follow).

**August 19** Youth & Parent Pool Party @ the Posey's 5-7:30p (more information to follow).

## 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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### AOC

The AOC needs a facelift-and in some places more than that. The renovation will be simple. It will add windows, a more aesthetically pleasing & inviting façade, & a more welcoming entrance. Some of the space on the main floor will be redesigned & repurposed for life after Loaves & Fishes. Upstairs restrooms will be completely renovated; all the floors, walls, & fixtures will be refreshed. It is clearly important, especially for youth, to feel ownership of a particular space & it is important for parents of young children that the facility be safe. It is with these requirements for expand ministries that we will plan the renovation.

