

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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 29, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Prelude on Diademata"

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 upholds those who are falling;
God raises those who are bowed down.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #268 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; 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 28:10-17 (p. 22)

ANTHEM "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
-William Runyan, arr. Chris Rice

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 28:18-22 (p. 22)

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Dream Ladder"
Rev. Dr. Bob Lueck

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

THE OFFERTORY "Give Thanks"
-Henry Smith, arr. Glenda Austin

*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #462 "I Love To Tell the Story"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Fanfare on 'Austrian Hymn'"
-Gordon Young

WORSHIP NOTES

Carolyn Riggins 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 29

9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

Monday, July 30

5:00pm Theology on Tap (O'Charley's on Riverside)

Tuesday, July 31

5:00pm Yoga

Wednesday, August 1

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, August 2

8:30am Yoga

9:00am Staff Meeting

4:00pm Lagonave Ice Cream Social (see below)

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

August 5 Congregational Meeting following worship
Realm Update (see announcement)

August 10 Back to School Party for everyone in Fellowship Hall

August 12 Second Sunday Lunch
Realm Update (see announcement)

August 19 Rally Day/Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

September 9 Picnic at the Hudson Farm

September 29 Women's Fall Retreat (TBA)

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUTH:

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).

LAGONAVE ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 4-6pm August 2 at Trinity. This social will benefit LaGonave, the admission is free, but donations will be accepted. This is also Downtown Artwalk night, so Trinity will have a few art vendors for you to enjoy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION COMMITTEE BOOK STUDY will resume our study of the book When Helping Hurts on **August 5** at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Chapter 8 will be the focus of our discussions. Join us!

BACK TO SCHOOL PIZZA & MOVIE on **Friday, August 10** in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:00. All ages welcome. Bring a friend!

REALM UPDATE August 5 & 12 from 8:30 to 10:30 am in the chapel area there will be a very important Realm update. The congregation is asked to check in with our IT interns and high school students, to update info in Realm so we have current addresses, phone, and emails. Also, if you don't know how to access Realm, you can get a lesson! Greg Williamson will be on hand to take photos so you can add a picture to your profile - which is great help for people identifying each other:) Please plan to stop by to help us keep our database current.

WANTED! Volunteers for Sunday School, teachers and substitute teachers for children and youth are needed. If you would like to volunteer, forms are available on the website. Paper copies are available as well in the church office. 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.

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 interested.

RALLY DAY! SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF!

On **Sunday, August 19 at 9:00 am** in Fellowship Hall, we will celebrate our Rally Day/Sunday School Kick-Off with a full breakfast and slide show. If you missed the Gala this is your chance to see our bicentennial video along with VBS pictures and other church events that have taken place over the past year. Come hungry! Congregational Care and Hospitality will have breakfast casseroles, pastries, fresh fruit and juice & coffee. All Sunday School classes, both youth and adult will meet in Fellowship Hall and class leaders will present their curriculum and plans for the school year.

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: _____

How will the congregation be involved in decisions about how to renovate the AOC?

Marshall Duncan, a member of FPC & an architect with Lyle Cook Martin Architects, will lead a process for defining the architectural program & designing the renovation. The sketches that accompany the campaign are an initial conceptual rendering & floorplan, but no decisions have been finalized & the congregation, especially those involved in ministries to children & youth & their families, will be invited to provide input at various points along the way.

