

**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*

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 26, 2018**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "All Glory Be To God On High"  
Friedrich Zachau

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.**  
Jesus has the words of eternal life;  
**he is the Holy One of God.**  
Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #475 "Come Thou Fount"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to love and serve you, yet we choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life in Christ, yet we turn aside and fall back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and Spirit, the

wisdom and strength to love and serve you faithfully; 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 11:1-9 (p. 8)

ANTHEM "Laudate Dominum"  
W.A. Mozart  
Beth Ring, soprano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT  
*\*\*Children ages 4-4th grade leave for Children's Worship*

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 44:9-20 (p. 537)

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Selfish and Idolatrous Work"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Brief Statement of Faith, (10.4)*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God,

empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
(You may give online at  
[http://www.fpcclarksville.org/give\\_online](http://www.fpcclarksville.org/give_online))

THE OFFERTORY "We Pray Now To The Holy Spirit"  
Diderik Buxtehude

\*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #611 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Improvisation on "Nettleton"

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Mark Banasiak** is today's liturgist.

**Eric Salyer** 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. Please note the change in grade level for Children's Worship.

## THIS WEEK AT FPC

### Sunday, August 26

9:00am Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

### Monday, August 27

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

6:00pm PW Dinner

### Tuesday, August 28

5:00pm Yoga

### Wednesday, August 29

10:00am Bible Study group meets in the Chapel

6:00pm Greek Class

#### Handbells

6:30pm Senior Highs @ Chick Fil A

7:00pm Adult Choir

### Thursday, August 30

8:30am Yoga

12:00noon Staff Meeting

### LOOKING AHEAD:

**September 2** Labor Day Weekend **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

**September 3** Labor Day **OFFICE CLOSED**

**September 9** Picnic at the Hudson Farm (see announcement)

**September 29** Women's Fall Retreat (TBA)

**October 13** Loaves & Fishes fund raiser

### FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUTH:

**October 5-7** NaCoMe Fall Retreat

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK PICNIC

will be held on **Sunday, Sept. 9, from 3-5 pm** at the Hudson Farm on Rosson Road. The picnic takes the place of the 2nd Sunday Lunch. The Fellowship Committee will grill hamburgers and hot dogs and provide potato chips, drinks, plates, cups, & eating utensils. You are asked to bring a large picnic-type dish that will serve 10-12 (i.e. baked beans, deviled eggs, potato salad, slaw, casseroles, fruit or veggie plates, brownies, pies, cookies, etc.). We will have hayrides and volleyball games. Bring quilts and/or lawn chairs to sit on plus old shoes/towels for creek-wading. You are invited to bring sports equipment such as Frisbees, badminton, kick balls, gloves & balls, etc. Maps to the farm are available in the vestibule and on the table outside the church office. Please join us for an old-fashioned dinner-on-the-grounds congregational picnic!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** Circles begin in September below are the meeting time and contact information:

**Morning Circle**—1st Tuesday of the month at 10am in the church parlor. Sue Reynolds mrchewpsr@charter.net

**Prayer Circle**—1st Wednesday of the month at 11:15am in the church parlor. Open to all.

**Martha Circle**—2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm in the church parlor. Vicki Wallace vickitwallace@gmail.com

**Night Circle**—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the church library/history room. Rhonda Banasiak rhb2227@hotmail.com

## MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate

10:00am Service

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s)                       Visitor(s)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Members indicate if this is a change 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### ELDER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The time has come to elect a new slate of Elders for the Class of 2021. If there is someone you would like to recommend for consideration, please ask that person if they would be willing to serve before submitting their name. Nomination forms will be placed in the bulletin during the month of September and a form is in the newsletter. Please complete your form and drop in the collection plate, or feel free to contact any of the committee members (listed below) with your nomination. Nominations must be received no later than September 9. Voting will take place on October 28.

#### Elder Nominating Committee

Margaret Adames

Evan Duncan

Greg Guinn

Phil Kemmerly

Mark McNeil

Jane Wallace

Liz Van Otten