

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

September 23, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Sostenuto"
Darwin Wolford

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 last are first in the realm of God;

the least are welcomed in Jesus' name.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN #438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of

your Word and teach us how to serve you; 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 Isaiah 55:1-13 (p. 598)

ANTHEM "Thy Perfect Love"
John Rutter

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

****Children ages 4-4th grade leave for Children's Worship**

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-21 (p. 991)

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Peculiar Community"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #316 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1969 (9.36)*

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and

to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(You may give online at

http://www.fpccarksville.org/give_online)

THE OFFERTORY "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymn #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #318 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Autumn"
Antonio Vivaldi

WORSHIP NOTES

Charles Van Otten is today's liturgist.

Tabitha Lee 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, September 23

9:00am **Children/Youth & Adult SS Classes**

9:00-9:15am **Children's Music**

4-6:00pm **Youth Groups**

Monday, September 24

12:30pm **PW Lunch**

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

Tuesday, September 25

5:00pm **Yoga**

Wednesday, September 26

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

6:00pm **Handbells** meets in the Chapel

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

7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Thursday, September 27

8:30am **Yoga**

12:00noon **Staff Meeting**

Friday, September 28

Saturday, September 29 Women's Fall Retreat (see announcement)

LOOKING AHEAD:

October 2 Men's Quarterly Breakfast (see announcement)

October 7 Showers of Love (see announcement)

October 8 Office Closed for Columbus Day

October 8-12 Fall Break

October 13 Loaves & Fishes fund raiser (see announcement)

October 14 Joint service with Trinity (see announcement)

October 28 Congregational Meeting

November 4 All Saints' Day

FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUTH:

October 5-7 NaCoMe Fall Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

In keeping with our Bicentennial theme, we will, at our Fall Women's Retreat, reflect, rejoice and renew on **Saturday, Sept. 29, 9-4pm, in Palmyra!** The Rev. Lisa Martin will lead us in a three-part discussion/activity. Feel free to stay for one, two or all three! All women are invited to participate and enjoy this time of fellowship, food and fun. We will be at the Foust home overlooking the Cumberland river. In our "free time" plan to walk the trails & train tracks, kayak, paddle-board & paddle-boat or just sit on the patios and watch the world go by. You might even get lucky and see a bald eagle or two! Please let Kris Foust or the office know if you plan on attending. Thank you.

All men, all ages, are invited to participate in our **MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST** on **Tuesday, October 2 at 8am at Shoney's on the corner of Kraft and 2nd Streets** to talk about life and faith! A brief devotional follows the meal. **Please note date change!**

The Missions Committee will host **SHOWERS OF LOVE** **October 7 from 1-3pm in the lower level of the AOC.** They welcome donations of gently used towels and new socks for our homeless neighbors.

JOINT SERVICE WITH TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH **Sunday, October 14 in the Commons.** This is the Second Sunday Lunch. The Fellowship Committee will be grilling and will provide drinks, plates, cups, & eating utensils. We are asking you to please bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs. Trinity will provide the bulletin and will be serving communion. The Children's Moment and Children's Church will have special activities to combine our Service with Trinity. There will be an offering to be designated for LaGonave as this continues to be a joint mission for the churches. However, if you are making an FPC stewardship or bicentennial pledge payment please make sure you hand that offering to a First Presbyterian usher.

MEMBER/VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

Please complete and place in offering plate.

Name: _____

Member(s) 1st Time Visitor(s) Visitor(s)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Members indicate if this is a change in information.

I am interested in membership, baptism, or a meeting with the pastor (please circle which one(s)).

Prayer Requests: _____

LOAVES & FISHES Save the date!

The major fundraiser for **Loaves & Fishes, Louisiana Saturday Nite, is October 13 from 4:30-7:00pm at the L&F soup kitchen** located at the FPC activities center (corner of Foster and Third). There will be a delicious Louisiana Cajun meal along with music and indoor and outdoor seating. Dinner includes chicken and andouille sausage gumbo with rice, slaw, roll, bread pudding, praline and a drink.

Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at the church office, Eventbrite or through Charlie Keene, Tam Long, Issac Wright, Jill Crow or Diane Miner. We will be available before and after church service the second Sunday of September and first Sunday of October outside the church to sell tickets. The following sponsorship is available: Event Sponsor \$1000.00, Table Sponsor \$500.00, Sponsor \$250.00, and Supporter \$100.00. Sponsorship application is available in the church office. All checks must be received by 10/01/18 to be included on sponsorship print materials. Checks may be made payable to Loaves and Fishes: P.O. Box 3241, Clarksville, TN 37043. For more ticket information go to www.eventbrite.com. Remember you can **DINE IN OR CARRY OUT!**