



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 & 10:30 am

July 9, 2017

Man's maker was made man...
that the Bread might hunger,
the Fountain thirst,
the Light sleep,
the Way be tired on its journey...
that Strength might grow weak;
that the Healer might be wounded;
that Life might die.

St. Augustine of Hippo

Our Mission Statement

Called to love God and one another, First Presbyterian Church responds to God's grace by following Christ with ministries of hospitality, worship, faith development, service and generosity.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We're glad you're here with us today. We fondly refer to this community of Christ-followers as "First Pres," and you being here is one of God's blessings for our fellowship. If you wonder what we're up to at First Pres, it's actually pretty simple. In fact, we use a short phrase to remind ourselves of our shared purpose: "Above all, love." Drawn from a New Testament text (1 Peter 4:8-11), those brief words challenge us to focus everything we do on loving God and loving every single person we encounter. So every day we're learning how to do just that, as God's Spirit keeps working in our lives.

By the way, we can't take credit for this idea. It goes as far back as Jesus. He was once asked to sum up what it looks like to really be alive; what we should aim for in our lives if we want to live as fully as we can. His answer? Love God with every fiber of your being, and love the people around you. So whether we meet you in worship, or in the hallway, or in one of our many activities—or just run into you around town—we hope that you will feel the deep love of God welcoming and embracing you. We really are glad that you're here.

Use these moments prior to the Prelude to greet one another briefly. At the ringing of the chimes, please seek the presence of God in stillness and quiet. Please silence cell phones. The asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able.

Chimes and Organ Prelude

Choreae Hungaricae from *Löese Virginal Book*
Hungary, 17th Century

*Call to Worship

Come, all who thirst.

Come to the water!

Come to the river of God's goodness

We drink at the well of grace.

God is here among us.

Let us worship God together!

*Hymn #30

O God, in a Mysterious Way
Dundee

*Creed (*Selections from the Heidelberg Catechism*)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

What does God's law require of us?

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment.

Why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

*Prayer of Confession (using Hymn #431)

Confesión

For grievance and injustice: forgive us, Lord.

Aloofness and indifference: forgive us, Lord.

(spoken prayer by leader)

For weakness and transgression: forgive us, Lord.

Resistance and rebellion: forgive us, Lord.

(spoken prayer by leader)

In your eternal mercy: forgive us, Lord.

In your sustaining grace: forgive us, Lord.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response, #649, st. 1

Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see**

*Passing of the Peace

Welcome and Ministry Updates

Children's Message

Response, #847, st. 2

Puer Nobis Nascitur

**Our ancient story we shall tell,
till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts,
for this is where their journey starts.**

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:8-18 (p. 581)

Martha Anderson (9:00)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory

Hark! I Hear the Harp's Eternal Ringing

Early American Hymn
arr. Alice Parker

*Response

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Hymn #343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
Germany

St. 4 - Pulpit Side St. 5 - Lectern Side

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (pp. 11, 12)

Sermon

“Life Together?”
 (“Life Together” sermon series, Epilogue)

Rev. Caroline Cupp

*Hymn #765

May the God of Hope Go with Us
Argentina

*Benediction

Choral Response (9:00)

St. Patrick/Deirdre

Organ Postlude

Improvisation on *Argentina*
Sándor Kádár

WORSHIP NOTES

Offertory

submitted by Marcia Sommers

This morning's Offertory anthem is a setting of an early American hymn tune, *Invitation*.

Arranged by Alice Parker, it invokes the early settlers, and is a rugged and exciting setting that builds to the climax at the end.

Hark! I hear the harp's eternal ringing on the farther shore;
as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb. Hallelujah! Glory to the great I AM.

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb. Hallelujah! Glory to the great I AM.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
and I hear them singing, faintly, in the mansions of the blest.
Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb. Hallelujah! Glory to the great I AM.

The Choral Response is a portion of Hymn #6, St. Patrick/Deirdre. This is a Celtic-style hymn known as a lorica, the Latin word for armor or breastplate, stating our faith and praying for God's protection, based on Ephesians 6:13-17.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me;
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger;
Christ in hearts of all that love me;
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Leading us in worship

Steve Clark, Associate Pastor
Caroline Cupp, Associate Pastor
Marcia Sommers, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Sándor Kádár, Organist
Martha Anderson, Liturgist
Members of the Summer Choir

FIRST PRES MATTERS

Serving today as ushers are Dennis Westhafer, Jack and Ann Lear at 9:00 a.m. and Bill Benson, Barbara and Amy Lidle, Kathy Threlkeld and Evelyn Norton at 10:30 a.m. Our coffee deacon is Carmelo Ortiz. The greeters are Jim and Marilyn Serum and the Congregational Life and Membership Committee. Our Nursery workers are Sarah Burke, Olivia Fiatoa and Katherine Poupos. Bob Bird is running sound and video production.

The Chancel Flowers are in loving memory of Sandra Kalemjian, given by her husband Craig, children and grandchildren, and John David Morgan and Agatha Hellenthal, given by Ruth Morgan Spencer and Nancy Morgan Ninos.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Vern and Donna Anstee and family in the death of Donna's mother.

The Rosebud at the Baptismal Font is to the Glory of God and in honor of Louis William Curran, born June 18, 2017, son of David and Laura Curran, grandson of Bob and Janet Curran.

Presbyterian Women are currently sponsoring the mission project to benefit the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County (DVCCC). They especially need lightweight twin blankets, summer boys' and girls' clothing sizes 4 and larger, and gift cards. Please see the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board for information on depositing items and other info, or call Kathy Threlkeld at 610-436-0846 or Faye Whiteman at 610-696-5578.

Also, as you travel, please remember to save any extra unopened toiletry items from hotels, motels, spas, etc. Presbyterian Women use these items to make "mini spa bags" for the residents of the Pocopson Home. There will be a container to receive these items marked "Pocopson Home" under the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Many thanks for your help with this project.

Save the Date! First Presbyterian is hosting a FREE Neighborhood Block Party on Thursday, July 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It is taking place on South Darlington Street (between Hemlock Alley and Miner Street; Social Hall, if it rains). *Please come help us welcome our neighbors!* This event is a great opportunity for First Pres friends to better know our neighbors. Come mix and mingle while enjoying live entertainment, pizza and ice cream.

Summer Children's Choir Camp – August 7 - 10, 9:30 a.m. - Noon. Marcia Sommers and Sándor Kádár will lead a morning choir camp for children in rising grades 2-5 that focuses on fun music and games, learning to play choir chimes, and terrific fellowship. To sign up, contact Marcia at msommers@firstpreswc.com.

July Spices Collection - We're collecting spices all month as part of the Turning the Table Against Hunger summer mission campaign. Local recipients include the West Chester Food Cupboard, Chester County Food Bank, Senior Center, West Chester University Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels. Bring new, unopened plastic jars of salt-free spices to Fellowship Hall.

Kids' Mission Activity - Decorate Summer Food Boxes - Kids can participate in the summer mission campaign by decorating a box that will be filled with healthy food and delivered to a family in need. Boxes and brief instructions can be picked up in Fellowship Hall. Drop your decorated boxes back off at church.

Library News - In conjunction with our Summer Mission 2017, Turning the Table on Hunger, our Librarian, Paul Reussille, has pulled some books for our children on the subject. Please stop by the library and check out one of the books relating to Hunger and have fun reading with your child!

First Pres Travelers has scheduled two local tours: Antique Ice Tool Museum and the Penn State University Great Valley 3-D (Additive Manufacturing) Lab on Wed., July 26th. Limit of 20. No Admission charge for either. Transportation will be via car pool—arranged by you. SAVE THE DATE : Wed., Aug. 16th, Atlantic City here we come! Tour the two Convention Hall (Boardwalk Hall) organs. One is the largest in the world. Included is a recital demonstrating the capabilities of the mighty organ, and a visit to the workshop where repairs are made to this massive instrument. For more information, please see the church website or contact Thom & Irene Clapper, psuthom@verizon.net, 610-436-5667.

Blood Drive Coming to First Pres! Monday, July 31 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. To schedule your donation, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter "firstpreswc". Also, as a promotion, all presenting donors from July 31 to August 6 will receive a \$5 Target E-Gift Card.

"Connections" Class Coming this Summer - If you are interested in becoming a member of First Pres, or just learning more about what we're up to here at the corner of Miner and Darlington, join us 11:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, August 6 (lunch included) – then again 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 13 (lunch included again!). Contact Pastor Steve Clark (sclark@firstpreswc.com) if interested in joining the gathering, or if you have questions.

Simple Summer Supper Signups are now open! If you'd like to join one of these potluck meal gatherings, sign up on our website, or on the list in Fellowship Hall. Don't miss this great opportunity to spend a summer evening or afternoon getting to know others, share great food and conversation, and reflect together on God's word. Sign up now! (If you want to HOST a gathering, and haven't signed up yet for that, contact Pastor Steve Clark, sclark@firstpreswc.com).

Global Leadership Summit - For those of you who have attended a GLS in prior years, remember Michael Jr.? He's back and funnier than ever. Set aside Thursday & Friday, August 10-11, to experience 12 incredible speakers from all walks of life and one extremely funny comedian, Michael Jr! Register with Dory Speer for \$129 which covers both days. Don't miss Michael Jr. - he is getting so popular he may not be returning every year or even every other year in the future!

Takeout Church - We know how very different and busy your schedules are over the summer! However, just because your family goes on vacation, doesn't mean that your time of worshiping together has to... or does it? How about taking your worship with you on vacation...with a Take Out Church box? In the Fellowship Hall you will find a display that has several, small take-out pizza boxes that contain instructions, a Bible story and various ways to respond to that story, create ways to pray and serve others... all while on vacation. Take a box, pack it with your vacation things, find a place to gather as a family during vacation... and allow the box to walk you through a creative way of worshiping together while away. When you get back home, return the box to the Fellowship Hall and we will replenish it for the next family to use. Enjoy and keep worshiping together!

Why Spices?

This July we'll be collecting spices for Seniors. At first glance, spices may seem like an odd thing to ask for, but they are an incredibly important part of a healthy diet. Many hungry adults grew up in families where there wasn't enough food, and when there isn't enough food, it's really difficult to learn how to cook. Not only do our local food cupboards make sure that people receiving groceries get lots of fresh vegetables and lean protein, but they teach people how to cook healthy meals that actually taste good. Spices are a critical part of this. This July, bring in oregano, basil, garlic, or any spice blend that doesn't contain salt to be included in Senior Boxes distributed by Chester County Food Bank.

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES

SUNDAY 7/9 Nametag Sunday

8:20 am	Summer Choir (new singers welcome)	Choir Room
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Nursery to age 2	Nursery
9:00 am	Summer JAM - age 3 thru grade 5	Social Hall
10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Nursery to age 2	Nursery

MONDAY 7/10

9:00 am	Stewardship Ministry	Herron Lounge
7:00 pm	Personnel	Room 209

TUESDAY 7/11

9:30 am	Stewardship Ministry	Herron Lounge
5:30 pm	Men's Ministry Study	Room 217

WEDNESDAY 7/12

9:00 am	Sew Many Blessings	Quilt Room
12:00 pm	Bulletin Deadline	

THURSDAY 7/13

6:30 pm	Block Party	Darlington Street
7:00 pm	Men's Study Group	Room 209

FRIDAY 7/14

6:30 am	Men's Study Group	Room 210
1:00 pm	Sweet Dreams	Quilt Room

SUNDAY 7/16 Blood Pressure Screening

8:20 am	Summer Choir (new singers welcome)	Choir Room
9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Nursery to age 2	Nursery
9:00 am	Summer JAM - age 3 thru grade 5	Social Hall
10:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Nursery to age 2	Nursery

Visit www.firstpreswc.com/calendar-new for a full ministry calendar.

Turning the Table
on
HUNGER

Spice Collection

July 2017

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