

JUNE 26, 2016
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church of West Chester

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. As a community of faith, we strive to “above all, love.” As we worship God together, we pray that you will experience Christ’s presence in our midst, and that he will sustain you in the week ahead. A special welcome goes out to you if you are visiting. If you are with us for the first time, stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to find out about the many opportunities available to you in the life of our congregation. We hope you will worship with us again next Sunday.

We invite you to sign the Friendship Register, which you will find at the center aisle of each pew. As you pass it to others in your pew, note who is sitting near you, so you may greet them by name.

- Please note that hearing aids and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Maps showing available parking are in the racks in the Fellowship Hall.

Children are always welcome, and encouraged to participate in worship. Children’s Worship Activity Bags are available from the ushers.

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

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.



Leading Us in Worship Today:

Greg Stovell, *Pastor*
 Steve Clark, *Associate Pastor*
 Caroline Cupp, *Associate Pastor*
 Marcia Sommers, *Director of Music and Fine Arts*
 Sándor Kádár, *Principal Organist*

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**SIXTH SUNDAY
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ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

CHIMES – A call to stillness

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.

ORGAN PRELUDE Piano Sonata No. 14, First Movement Ludwig van Beethoven
 (Moonlight Sonata) Germany, 1770-1827

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, who rules the universe,
calls us.
 Christ, who took up his cross,
calls us.
 Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul,
calls us.
 Let us faithfully answer the call
 by worshiping the Lord, three-in-one.

***HYMN #410** “God Is Calling through the Whisper” W Żłobie Leży

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Merciful God,
 we confess that too often we desire what is not your will.
 We fear failure and cling to unquestioned habits.
 We are truly sorry and repent for what we have done,
 and what we have not done.
 Show us again the path of your way, the way that leads to life.
 Open our eyes to new ventures.
 Help us love our neighbors as ourselves.
 Forgive us and renew us, in the name of life abundant,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE #447** We Are Forgiven

“We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
 Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
 We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
 Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison) from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 people 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!”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

As the children are going to their classes, we will sing Hymn #370, st. 1 (Terra Beata)

“This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
 all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
 This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonder wrought.”
After 9:00 worship, parents may pick up children in Social Hall downstairs.

WELCOME AND MINISTRY UPDATES

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 25:1-10 (responsively)
(the REFRAIN can be found in the hymnal, #471)

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.
I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

**REFRAIN: The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.**

Show me your ways, Lord; teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

REFRAIN

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.
All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

REFRAIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE 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.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE OFFERING

Offertory “For the Beauty of the Earth” Text: Folliet Pierpoint
Music: John Rutter
The text of this anthem can be found in Glory to God, #14.
Summer Chancel Choir

*Offertory Response, #606, The Doxology Old Hundredth
“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.”

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

*HYMN #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM Rhondda

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 17:13-19 New Testament, Page 111

SERMON “God on a Mission: A People of The Story” Rev. Steve Clark
Rev. Caroline Cupp

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN #539 “We Will Go Out with Joy”

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE “Go Forth Into the World in Peace” John Rutter

*“Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage; hold fast that which is good,
render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak,
help the afflicted, honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost,
be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.”*

ORGAN POSTLUDE Sortie in D major César Franck
Belgium 1822-1890

* Let all who are able, please stand. *** The Ushers will seat those waiting.

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The Chancel Flowers are to the Glory of God and are given by
David and Judy Stone, in honor of granddaughter Bennett Leigh Lauer’s birthday.

Ushers

9:00 a.m. – Mark Creager, *Head Usher*; John and Jill Sundquist, Carmelo Ortiz,
Dennis Westhafer

10:30 a.m. – Larry Trerotola, *Head Usher*; Hugh and Eileen Sinclair, Isabell Trerotola

Coffee Deacons today: Vern Anstee and George Craven

Flower Deacons today: Evelyn Norton and George Craven

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Special Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary 10:00 a.m. Sunday, July 10 between
worship services. The meeting is for the purpose of electing members of the congregation’s
Nominating Committee, as well as a Ruling Elder to fill an unexpired term.*

CAREGIVING

• **Occasional drivers needed:** If you would be willing to drive members who occasionally
need transportation, please get in touch with Marilyn Kupfer at mkupfer@firstpreswc.com
or call her at 610-383-9523.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

• **On Sunday July 3,** the Summer Choir will be singing Allen Pote’s “*We Will Be a Shelter
for Each Other*”. If you’d like to join them, meet in the Choir Room at 8:20 Sunday morning.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

• **“God On A Mission: A Bible Exploration” :**

9:00 a.m. Sundays July 10, 17, 24 and 31 / 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27
Join pastors Caroline Cupp and Steve Clark as they lead an exploration of biblical texts used
in their June sermon series about God’s saving mission in the world – and our part in that
mission. No registration or book purchase is required. Just bring your Bible and be ready to
join the conversation. Both series meet in Herron Lounge.

• **“Mission: Possible / A One-Day VBS Event”:** **9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 3**
This awesome program, for children age 4 through grade 5, is FREE, and lunch is included!
Through stories, games, crafts, and more, we’ll learn about God’s mission in the world,
and how we can be part of that mission. To sign up, visit firstpreswc.com click on Sign Up,
then the VBS Sign-Up link in the drop-down menu. Invite your friends and neighbors to
be part of this wonderful day.

• **Vacation Bible School Volunteers Still Needed:** YOU can help us welcome the dozens
of children we expect to be with us for our VBS event on August 3 (last year we had more
than 150 children join the fun). Providing a program like this requires lots of people to
roll up their sleeves and join the team. If you have a heart for these young ones God will
entrust to us for this day, we could use your help. We are in particular need of “shepherds”
to guide groups of children on their journey to different workshop stations over the course
of the morning. If you can help, please email Pastor Steve Clark (sclark@firstpreswc.com
or 610-696-0554). Thanks in advance for your support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & MEMBERSHIP

• **Chancel Choir at the Phillies – Wednesday, July 6, 1:05 p.m. against the Braves!** Members of our Choir will be singing the Star Spangled Banner, and you are welcome to join them. Please email or speak with Marcia Sommers (msommers@firstpreswc.com). Tickets are \$16.00, transportation not provided. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church, memo: *Phillies*.

• **First Pres Travelers:**

- All tickets for the Aug. 9th tour of the United Nations have been sold. A waiting list is being compiled. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please contact Thom & Irene.

- **BUS to NYC—“Day-On-Your-Own,”** Tuesday., August 9. Cost is \$40 for Bus.

- **Penn State vs Temple football game at State College.** Saturday September 17. Bus cost is less than \$45. Football ticket prices range from \$75-\$150, depending on seats.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Thom & Irene ASAP at psuthom@verizon.net or call 610-436-5667.

ADMINISTRATION

• **Changes to your bank’s routing or account number?** Are you banking with BB&T? Are you a Direct Debit participant? If yes to both, please contact Dory Speer, 610-696-0554 or dspeer@firstpreswc.com to update your bank’s routing and/or account number to keep your direct debit active.

• **2016 Global Leadership Summit: Tuesday is the last day to register for the 2016 Global Leadership Summit registration at the lowest price of \$99 (\$129 after).** Whether we are active in our church, neighborhood, school, community, workplace, or own family, we can be inspired and motivated by the speakers at the Global Leadership Summit. GLS is an incredible opportunity to hear a range of speakers, including Melinda Gates, John Maxwell, and Patrick Lencioni, share their knowledge, experience and inspirational accomplishments. Leverage this resource to sharpen your skills and unleash your full potential. The Summit will take place on Thursday and Friday, August 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Contact Dory Speer, 610-696-0554, or dspeer@firstpreswc.com.

• **Stop Hunger Now update!** The 121,824 meals First Pres packaged together with Westminster Pres were shipped to Madagascar and Haiti. Our meals took up nearly one-half of a shipping container. Please see the July newsletter for the complete article of who will receive “our” meals. The 24-hour meal packaging event was an ambitious endeavor that allowed each participant to put his or her fingerprints on a bag that goes to feed a child in school that may not otherwise eat. “Our” meals will also help in times of disaster when communities are in chaos and living conditions become even more challenging to those in need. If you participated in the April 24-hour event, thank you! Thank you from the children, the communities, the Stop Hunger Now organization and your First Pres Stop Hunger Now planning team. It was truly a labor of “*above all, love.*”

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

• **Men of Mission gets a total Makeover! What’s New?**

A New Name: “First Crew”.

More Diversity: We welcome **families, women, and men** of all ages to get involved.

A New Focus: Our **Church Members** in need of a helping hand and our **Church Mission Partners** who have special projects needs.

New Projects: Special needs brought to our attention by the church staff, Deacons or Service and Outreach Committee.



This is a great opportunity for families, women and men! If interested in learning more or wanting to get involved, please contact Jim Serum at jwserum@verizon.net or call 610-793-1920.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY – June 26

NO 8:00 WORSHIP UNTIL FALL

SR HIGH MISSION TRIP

8:20am Summer Choir Rehearsal
 8:30am Sunday Social (*til 10:30am)
 9:00am Worship; Nursery to age 2;
 JAM age 3-Grade 5;
 Radio Broadcast on 1520AM; Live web stream
 10:05am Phillies Choir rehearsal (in choir room; *til 10:20)
 10:30am Worship; Nursery to age 2
 11:30am Organ Tour

MONDAY – June 27

SR HIGH MISSION TRIP

6:30pm Session Chairs mtg.
 6:45pm Phillies Choir rehearsal (in choir room; *til 7:20)
 7:30pm Session mtg.

TUESDAY – June 28

SR HIGH MISSION TRIP

8:30am Newsletter Mailing Group
 10:00am Faith Community Nurses Office Hours
 5:30pm Men’s Ministry Studies - Mars Group
 7:00pm Congregational Life and Membership mtg.
 7:30pm Men’s Ministry Studies

WEDNESDAY – June 29

NO BRIDGE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7

SR HIGH MISSION TRIP

9:00am Sew Many Blessings
 12:00pm Bulletin deadline
 7:40pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

THURSDAY – June 30

SR HIGH MISSION TRIP

7:30pm Youth Summer Hang-Out (off site)

FRIDAY – July 1

SR HIGH MISSION TRIP

6:00am Men’s Study Group
 1:00pm Sweet Dreams

SATURDAY – July 2

SR HIGH MISSION TRIP

SUNDAY – July 3

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 10:30am Worship; Nursery to age 2
 11:45am Phillies Choir rehearsal (in choir room; *til 12:15)

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

MONDAY – July 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 INDEPENDANCE DAY

First Pres on Facebook

Keep up with your church family at www.facebook.com/firstpreswc

Community

BBQ

Supporting

A Roof for Every Child:

*Working to End Child Homelessness
in Chester County*

Sunday, July 3

10:30am Worship Service

11:30am BBQ

130 W. Miner St, West Chester

*Free admission
Donations gratefully
accepted*



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