

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

As we prepare for worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you. Amen.

Prelude

Cantabile

C. Franck

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn #387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not always loved you with a pure heart, nor have we always loved our neighbors as our selves. We do not always do justice, love kindness, or walk humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us in your loving-kindness and forgive us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us through the good news of Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Children’s Moment

Children ages three to six are welcome to participate in a combined Worship Workshop experience following the Children’s Moment. We will meet in Room 9 on the Ground Floor.

Hymn #322

Spirit of the Living God

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 20: 1-17

(pew Bible OT, p.66)

New Testament Lesson: John 14:1-7

(pew Bible NT, p.108)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

“Reformed and Always Reforming: The Theological Declaration of Barmen”

Brian Miles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD		
*Hymn #457	I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art	
*Affirmation of Faith	The Theological Declaration of Barmen (8.11- 8.18)	
<p>Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation.</p> <p>“Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords- areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.</p> <p>“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together.” The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of is message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.</p>		
Prayers of the People		
Call to Offering		
Offertory Anthem	Stand Up, And Bless the Lord	W. G. Darst
*Doxology	Hymn #592	
*Prayer of Dedication		
WE GO OUT IN GOD’S SERVICE		
*Hymn #388	O Jesus, I Have Promised	
*Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	Toccata on St. Anne (O God Our Help in Ages Past)	F. Swann

<i>*Those who are able, please stand.</i>		
Worship Leader: Robert O’Brian		

Guest Preacher: Today we welcome the Rev. Brian Miles as our guest preacher. Brian is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He has spent more than fifteen years working as both a hospital and hospice chaplain. Brian is married to Kristie Miles, who is currently the Chaplain at Westminster-Canterbury, and they have one son, Joseph.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, August 20

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. Youth Kickoff- "MS and HS" (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, August 22

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Officers' Room)

Wednesday, August 23

12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Room 126)

Thursday, August 24

11:30 a.m. Westminster Canterbury FPC Luncheon (Fauber Room @ WC)

Friday, August 25

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford)

Saturday, August 26

7:30 am. Work Day hosted by Facilities Committee (Front Parking Lot)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for August: Janice Berkley 384-6925 and Lynn Shelton 384-3742.

Summer Office Hours (May 30 – September 1): Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Summer Worship Schedule: Sunday mornings @ 10 a.m. Listen Live on WLNI 105.9 FM @ 11 a.m.

Orange Shopping Cart: Throughout August, help support the high demand at the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry by placing donated items in the Orange Shopping Cart located in the Foyer. Any unexpired, nonperishable food is welcome, but **canned fruit** is of greatest need. Please note: Monetary donations go even further as the food pantry can purchase food from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank for far less than you and I can at the grocery store. Checks should be made out to FPC with "food pantry donation" on the memo line.

"The Many Faces of Afghanistan": On Monday, September 11th, the Presbyterian Women and Men's Fellowship Group would like to invite everyone to a special event with special guest Lt. Col. Leslie Pratt of the U.S. Air Force. Fellowship gathering in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm; Catered Dinner (\$10 each) at 6:30 pm; Special Guest Speaker at 7 pm. More information and sign up in the Foyer.

Church Work Days: (Exterior) This coming Saturday, August 26th, the Facilities Committee will be hosting a work day from 7:30 am – 10 am. All are invited to come help prune and spruce up the gardens. Please meet in the Front Parking Lot. (Interior) Next Sunday, August 27th, the Spiritual Growth Committee will be hosting a work day from 5 pm – 7:30 pm. All are invited to come organize and stock classrooms for the upcoming program year. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall. **Thank you all in advance for your time and assistance.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Congregation - *Ministers*

Rev. Peter A. Thompson, MDiv. - *Pastor*

Cory Whittier, MMus. - *Organist/Choir Director*

Kathleen Lifsey - *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

Lerisa Rosser - *Nursery*

Lori Wright - *Business Director*

Ann Zipperer – *Office Administrator*

Isaiah Knight - *Communications Coordinator*

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