

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, I pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired. Amen.

Prelude **Kinderstucke Op. 72, No. 6** F. Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The Reign of God is here!

All: There is none like our Lord, nor are there any works like God's.

Leader: All the nations God has made shall come, bow down, and glorify God's name.

**All: For God is great and does wondrous things.
Let us now worship and praise God, our King.**

*Hymn #476 **O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!**

*Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge that we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove all the obstacles preventing us from being your faithful representatives to a broken world and awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: All those who are in Christ have a new beginning; the old life has gone, and new life has begun. By God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and can be at peace.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

*Lighting the Peace Candle and Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 to 7 are welcome to participate in a combined Worship Workshop experience. We will meet in Room 126 on the main floor above the Fellowship Hall. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading: Psalm 48 (pew Bible OT, p. 518)

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (pew Bible OT, p. 279)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

"The Reign of God: Greater and Greater" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #276 **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

*Affirmation of Faith Westminster Confession, Chap. V, Sec. 1

**God—the great creator of all things—
upholds, directs, disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things,
from the greatest even to the least.
He exercises this most wise and holy providence
according to his infallible foreknowledge
and the free and unchangeable counsel of his own will,
to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power,
justice, goodness, and mercy.**

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem **Trust in You** L. Daigle
Whitney and Robert O'Brian

*Doxology Hymn #592
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #391 **Take My Life**

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude **Divertimento in F minor** G. Wagenseil

Worship Leadership: In Cory's absence, **Claudia Patterson** will provide music for Worship today and next Sunday. **Whitney and Robert O'Brian** are First Presbyterian members who often share their musical gifts with our congregation.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, July 8

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Lemonade and Cookies (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Single Adult Fellowship (Red Lobster)

Tuesday, July 10

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, July 11

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

Thursday, July 12

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford Room)
10:30 a.m. WC Morning Devotions (WC Chapel)

Friday, July 13

Office Closed - Summer Schedule

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

Members Helping Members for July: Winston Green (384-5939 or 444-2684) and Ellie Hubbard (384-1586 or 610-5160)

Sunday Morning Schedule, beginning September 9: Coffee Café – 9:00 a.m., Spiritual Growth Classes – 9:15/9:30 a.m., one Worship – 10:30 a.m.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God, by the Chancel Guild, who will welcome flower donations this summer. There are still a number opportunities in July and August to give flowers in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones.

The rosebud on the baptismal font today is in celebration of the birth of Olivia Grace Ramsey, born on May 7, 2018. Parents are Laura and Drew Ramsey of Roanoke. Grandparents are Lisa and Jim Richards.

Single Adult Fellowship: The Single Adults will meet for lunch TODAY at Red Lobster. Meet at the restaurant by 11:30 a.m.

Summer Choir : Summer choir will not meet next Sunday, July 15. Join us again on July 22!

Simon Doong, First Presbyterian's Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Partner, will join us next Sunday, July 15. A College of Wooster graduate from the Baltimore-Washington area, Simon served as a YAV in Daejeon, South Korea, and most recently spent a year as part of the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations in New York. **He will speak in the Chapel at 9:00 about his experiences.** Sponsored by Service and Outreach Committee.

FPCLY Night at MayLynn's (Boonsboro Shopping Center) - July 15 @ 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come next Sunday to enjoy some ice cream and/or fellowship. No reservation needed, and please come as you are.

Adult Vacation Bible School will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 29. We will begin with dinner in the Fellowship Hall and then have time for devotion and discipleship. There will be activities for children as well. Sign up at the table in the in the hall just off the Foyer if you plan to come!! A great experience will surely be had by all.

Take me out to the ball game!!! FPCLY is partnering with the Hillcats!!! Date: August 1. Time: 6:00 p.m. Tickets: \$5.50 each. First Pitch thrown by Rev. Peter Thompson. National Anthem by Whitney O'Brian. **Sign up at the table in the hall just off the Foyer today.** All checks made payable to FPC. Tickets will be at Will Call on game day.

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