

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 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 **Novelletten II** T. Kirchner

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Missions Simon Doong - Young Adult Volunteer

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 #464** **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

***Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer**

CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Sacrament of Baptism Brinkley Porter Wilmoth
Parents: Taylor and Michael Wilmoth
Elder: Kathleen Lifsey

Presentation

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water

Act of Baptism and Introduction of Brinkley

Prayer and Welcome

Leader: Brinkley has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Brinkley into Christ's church to share with us in her ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support Brinkley, and her parents Taylor and Michael, to share the good news of the gospel with Brinkley, and to help her know and follow Christ.

***Hymn #304** **Jesus Loves Me!**

*Following the baptism, 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.
Children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading: Psalm 24 (pew Bible OT, p. 502)
Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19 (pew Bible OT, p. 249)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

"The Reign of God: Looking Both Ways" Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #274** **O God of Earth and Space**

***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 **Be Still My Soul** arr. Marcie Smith

Anne Patterson- violin, Catherine Patterson- cello/violin, Claudia Patterson - piano

***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 #540** **God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude **Allegro in D Major K.397** G.F. Handel

Simon Doong is First Presbyterian's Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Partner. He graduated from the College of Wooster with a major in international relations and minors in Spanish and Latin American studies. Simon has served as a PULSE (Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience) fellow and for two years as a YAV: one year in Daejeon, South Korea and most recently for a year with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as an intern at the United Nations in New York.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Simon Doong presentation (Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Cookies and Lemonade (Narthex)

Tuesday, July 17

5:30 p.m. Congregational Life Committee (Martin-Gifford Room)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, July 18

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

Thursday, July 19

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

Friday, July 20

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 a.m., one Worship – 10:30 a.m.

The flowers in the Foyer are given to the glory of God, in honor of Amber Osinga Brown and Andrew Brown's fourth wedding anniversary, by Jenny and John Osinga.

Chancel flowers: The Lifsey Family has placed the flowers in the sanctuary in honor of the baptism of Brinkley Porter Wilmoth, born December 1, 2017, to Taylor and Michael Wilmoth, and granddaughter of Emmett and Kathy Lifsey.

FPCLY Night at MayLynn's (Boonsboro Shopping Center) - TONIGHT @ 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come tonight and enjoy some ice cream and 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 (3 workshop options). There will be activities for children as well. **Sign up at the table in the hall just off the Foyer if you plan to come!!** A great experience will surely be had by all.

Food Bags: As its service project this year, Adult VBS is collecting donations for summer and weekend food bags for Lynchburg City Schools students. All food donations should be single-serving size, and easy-open cans are preferred. See the display in the Atrium near the Officers' Room for a list of foods needed. Cash donations are also welcome.

Take me out to the ball game!!! FPCLY is partnering with the Hillcats on August 1st @ 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$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.

Summer Choir: Join us next Sunday, July 22! Remember: Whether you are an experienced singer or simply love to sing, the Chancel Choir invites everyone to come and sing any Sunday—or all Sundays—throughout the summer months. The choir gathers on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary to rehearse.

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