

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 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

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J. Langlais

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 #288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 89:20-37

(pew Bible OT, p. 546)

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

(pew Bible OT, p. 281)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

"The Reign of God: God Will"

Chad McCain

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #467**

How Great Thou Art

***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.**

Commissioning of Montreat Youth Conference Participants

Liza Giles

Kirby Morris

Kathleen Lifsey

McKenna Pettyjohn

Grayson Pierpoint

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

C. Young

***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 #562**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

D. Wood

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, July 22

Montreat Youth Conference
10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Lemonade and Cookies (Narthex)

Monday, July 23

Montreat Youth Conference

Tuesday, July 24

Montreat Youth Conference
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
5:15 p.m. Worship and Music Committee (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, July 25

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

Thursday, July 26

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

Friday, July 27

Office Closed - Summer Schedule

Pastor on Call: Chad McCain (617) 304-9802.

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., Worship – 10:30 a.m.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Chancel Guild. The Chancel Guild always welcomes donations of flowers for the Chancel or the front entrance. Sign up at the table in the hall just off the Foyer.

The rosebud on the baptismal font today is in celebration of the birth of William Benjamin McCain, born on July 4, 2018. Parents are Chad and Natalie McCain.

Adult Vacation Bible School will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. next 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 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.

Chamber Concert: First Presbyterian will host the piano quartet, *Opus 87*, on Friday, August 3, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The group consists of students of the Manhattan School of Music, and their program will feature works by Franck, Handel/Halvorsen, and Schumann. Join us for a wonderful evening of instrumental chamber music!

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. Today is the last day to sign up through the church for tickets at \$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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