# 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 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** **Adagio in D Flat** F. Liszt

**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 #455** **All Creatures of Our God and King**

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

**Call to Confession**
**Corporate Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, forgive us.**

**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. Children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 51:1-12 (pew Bible OT, p. 520)
**Old Testament Reading:** 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13 (pew Bible OT, p. 285)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**"The Reign of God: Grace Wins"** Peter Thompson

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #280** **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

***Affirmation of Faith** Psalm 46

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**Call to Offering**
**Offertory Anthem** **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** R. Robinson
*Text of Hymn 356*

***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**

**Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Special Music** **Consecration** J. N. Beck
*Christie Massey, Soloist*

## WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

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

***Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** **Sketch in F Minor** R. Schumann

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

**Sunday, August 5**
10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m. Lemonade and Cookies (Narthex)
4:00 p.m. Sip & See - Welcoming the McCain Family (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, August 7**
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)

**Wednesday, August 8**
12:30 p.m. Al-Anon (Martin-Gifford)
5:30 p.m. Service & Outreach Committee (Officers' Room)

**Thursday, August 9**
7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford)
10:30 a.m. Westminster Canterbury Devotion (WC Chapel)

**Friday, August 10**
**Office Closed - Summer Schedule**

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

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

**Chancel Flowers**: Thanks to all who shared their beautiful flowers with the Chancel Guild in July. If anyone is willing to share flowers in the future, please contact Becky (384-7382) or Maureen (384-1644). Donations of flowers may also be made using the flower sign-up folder on the table off the Foyer.

**Single Adult Fellowship**: The Single Adults will meet for lunch next Sunday, August 12, at Red Lobster. Meet at the restaurant by 11:30 a.m.

**Malawi Missionary Doctors to Visit**: Sunday, August 19 at 9:00 a.m., Dr. Kondwani Zgambo and his wife, Dr. Rita Chipeta, will be speaking to the congregation about their work at Embangweni Missionary Hospital; they will also be joining us for worship at 10:00 a.m. Please join us to learn more about our mission partners in Malawi.

**Installation Service for Rev. Chad C. McCain:** Everyone is invited on Sunday, August 19 @ 4 p.m. to come celebrate the Installation of Rev. Chad McCain as Associate Pastor for Service and Outreach here at First Presbyterian. A welcome reception will take place in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

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

**Spark Sunday**: September 9, 9:15 a.m. Breakfast sponsored by Congregational Life, with guest speaker Dr. Jennifer Jones Powell. Our celebration will continue during Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

**Health Ministry @ FPC—R*un/Walk with God***: For adults seeking a group run/walk opportunity beginning Sunday, September 9 at 5 p.m. during KidMin. Find Noël Thomas in the back parking lot to get started. ***Holy Motion***: For all adults interested in connecting with others and growing closer with God, once a month beginning Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m.

**Food Bags**: Through the end of August, FPC will continue 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.

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper:** Today in worship we are celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Communion) together. All who trust and believe in Jesus Christ are invited to participate. During communion, you are invited to remain in your seat. A server will present you with a tray of bread; please take a piece and pass the tray down the pew. As you are ready, you may eat the bread. When all have been served the bread, a server will then present a tray of juice; please take a cup and pass the tray down the pew. As you are ready, you may drink of the cup and place your empty cup in the pew rack. If you would like, as you pass the bread and cup to one another, you may offer the bread as the "bread of life" and the cup as the "cup of salvation." In return, you are welcome to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

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