

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12, 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

Trio No. 10, Op. 49

J. Rheinberger

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 #483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not always listen. You ask us to love, but we often walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We even condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent to you in spirit and truth, admit our sins, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

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

Chad McCain

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 130

(pew Bible OT, p. 573)

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-15, 31-33

(pew Bible OT, p. 292)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

"The Reign of God: Love vs. Like"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*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

The Lord's Prayer

Paul Hensley, Soloist

A. Mallotte

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Gift of Love

H. Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed. By this we worship and are freed.*

*Doxology

Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn #419

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in C Major

C. Branning

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 14

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
4:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Officers' Room)
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, August 15

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

Thursday, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

Office Closed - Summer Schedule

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

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

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

Chancel Flowers: If anyone is willing to share their garden flowers in the future, please contact Becky O'Brian (384-7382) or Maureen Bendall (384-1644). Donations of flowers may also be made to remember special occasions (Anniversary, Birthday, In Honor, In Memory) using the flower sign-up folder on the table off the Foyer.

The rosebud on the baptismal font today is in celebration of the birth of Hadley Laughlin Miles, born on August 3, 2018. Parents are Laird & Amanda Miles of Charlotte, North Carolina, grandparents are Robert and Bonnie Miles.

Single Adult Fellowship: The Single Adults will meet today 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.

Called Congregational Meeting: Sunday, August 26 immediately following Worship, a congregational meeting has been called for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2021. A complete list of the ten Elders-Elect can be reviewed in the August Newsletter, Foyer screens, or the one-page handout in the resource rack in the Foyer.

"ADD SOME COLOR TO YOUR LIFE" Spark Sunday!!!: All are invited and encouraged to attend!!! 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.

HOLY MOTION: Health Ministry @ FPC—Run/Walk with God: A program for anyone in the community 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:** A program for adults in the community interested in interacting with others and growing closer with God, once a month beginning Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please talk with Jenny Osinga if you have questions or are interested.

Food Donations Needed!!!: 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.

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